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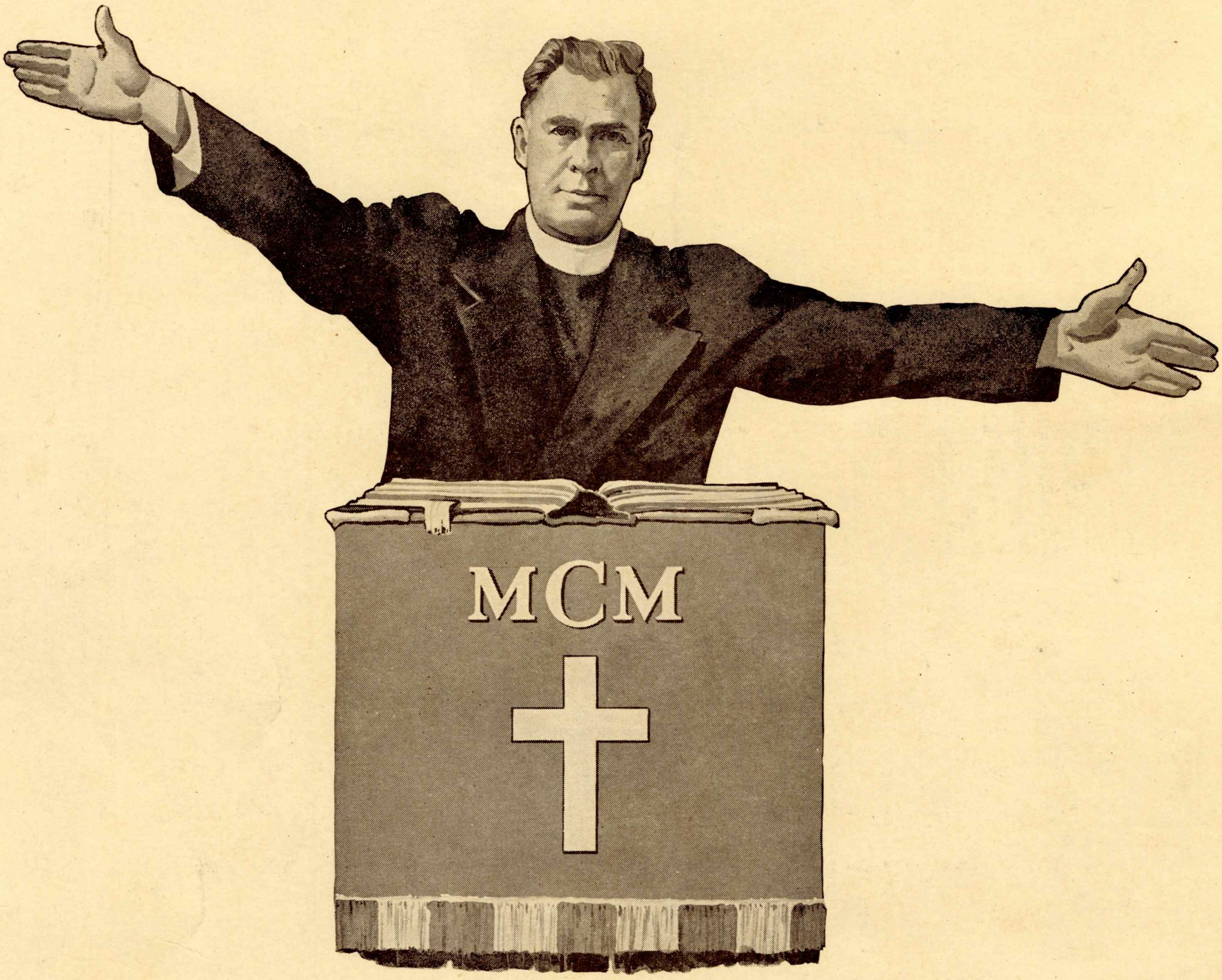

To all who mourn and long for comfort;
to all who are strangers and desire friendship;
to all who sin and need a Saviour;
to all who would make the world a nobler place
and life a worthier thing;
and to all who will come —
the Central Mission opens wide its doors
and offers a welcome in the name of
Jesus Christ the Lord.

THIS BOOKLET commemorates the Diamond Jubilee of the Methodist Central Mission, Dunedin, New Zealand. It is intended mainly as a record of facts in respect to its major operations and personnel.

The introduction of incidents and narratives is naturally limited.

The record contains information which will be available to some future historian, who, further removed from the actual scenes, may with true perspective be able to appraise the growth, development and value of the work.

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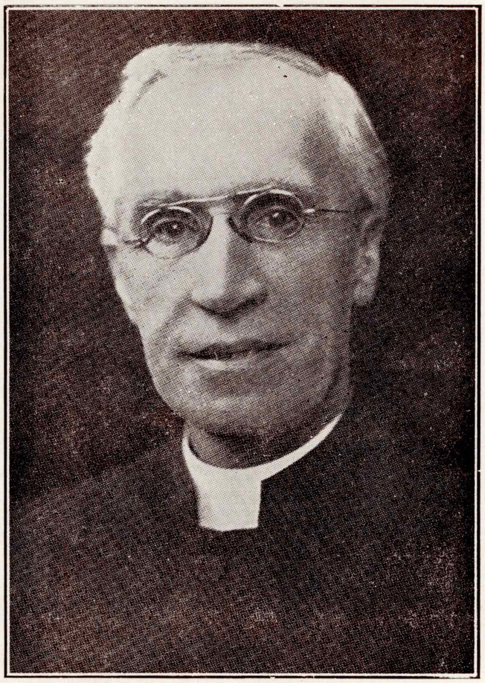
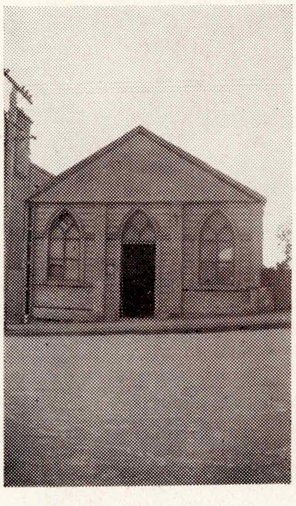
THROUGH THE YEARS

The Mission was established by the Rev. William Ready at 11 a.m. on the third Sunday in April, 1890



WILLIAM READY, whose photograph appears opposite, was born in a London workhouse, January 23, 1860. His parents were nominally Irish Roman Catholics, though they were married in an Anglican Church at St. Pancras. William became an orphan within five years of his birth. Being the youngest of ten, he was committed to the care of his oldest brother, who unfortunately gave way to drink and terrorised the lad. Others of the family were victims of the same habit. Denied a father's protection and a mother's love, and facing extreme poverty in a drink-ridden home, William, hungry and desperate, sought the charity of the streets.

One snowy day James Wark, a London City Missioner connected with St. George's Church, Bloomsbury, noticing a ragged, bootless urchin performing cartwheels by the side of a bus in Euston Road, grabbed him by the leg and decided to take a personal interest in his moral and spiritual welfare. That night Ready slept in the Missioner's home at 94 Islip Street, Kentish Town. Eventually James Wark persuaded Ready to go to George Mueller's Orphanage in Bristol. It was here he received his education and experienced conversion.



Stafford Street Hall

Step by step William Ready was led by the Spirit of God, until he became an apostle of spiritual and social reform. In 1889 he came to New Zealand.

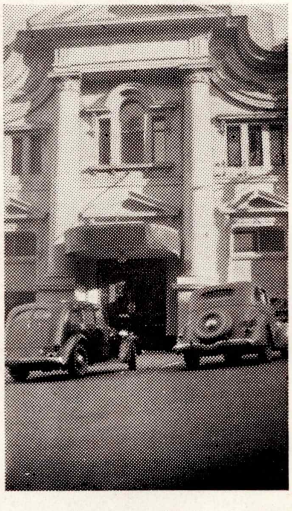
One Saturday night, in April, 1890, people proceeding through the Octagon, in Dunedin, heard a young man singing. Gradually a crowd gathered, and Mr. Ready sang "Where is My Wandering Boy To-night?" and "Sinner, How Thy Heart is Troubled" – thus began the Dunedin Central Mission.

Mr. and Mrs John Sanders and family on arrival from Devonshire met one of their former ministers – Wm. Ready – and they immediately supported him in his work. Being members of the Bible Christian Church they opened their home in Grosvenor Street for services. The family consisting of four girls and five boys became active workers. It was not long before other interested families linked up. Meetings were held in various homes. About this time, Mr. Thomas Smith, who came out with Mr. Ready on the *Arawa*, became interested in the work.

The first hall to be secured for meetings was known as the tin shed in Stafford Street, rented from the proprietor of the Bull and Mouth Inn – first used as a brewery and then as a boot factory. Mr. Ready used to say: "This hall was first used for damning souls, then for making soles, and we are now using it for saving souls." Prior to the renting of this hall, prayer meetings, choir practice and sewing guilds were held in the homes of members until a small hall, known as Milton Hall, in Stuart Street (just above the present Sunday School) was rented.

A Chinese Mission, superintended by the Rev. W. Ready and Mr. T. Patterson was commenced in the old tin shed in Stafford Street. Miss Bessie Sanders was very interested in this work. On one occasion a Chinese concert and orchestra brought an attendance of 75 Chinese.

The first Sunday night congregation met in the Rattray Hall, the rent being paid by Mr. Vanscombe. The Mission continued here for 12 months then moved to the City Hall for two years when a transfer was made to the Garrison Hall. Mr. John Pope was prominent at this time as a worker and there was a regular congregation of 2,000 people.



Lyceum Hall

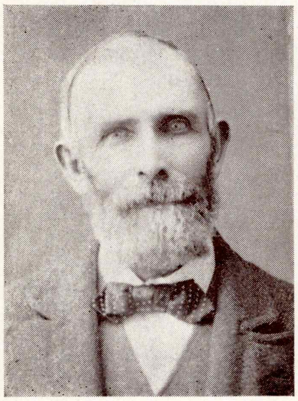
Earliest members of the Mission included Mr. N.

The First Years

Workers at a Tea Meeting held in the Garrison Hall, 1893.
The Rev. and Mrs. Ready and their three boys on left in front row.

SISTER MARIE'S BIBLE CLASS, 1899.

Some of the men and women who have shared the privileges and responsibilities of the work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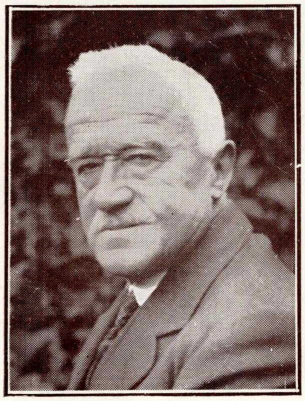
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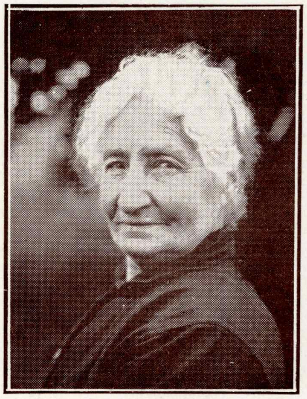
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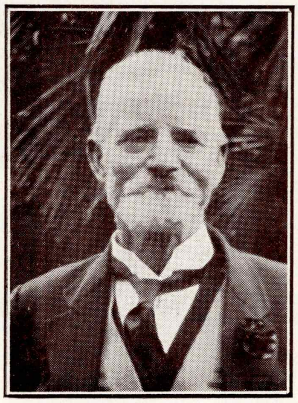
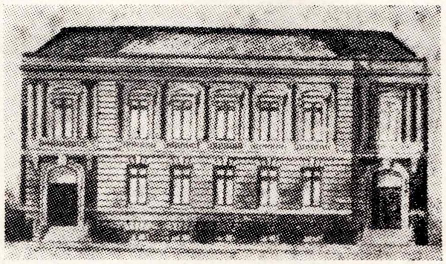

Mr. C. Wise

Mrs. Hetherington

Mrs. Marett

Mr. T. Sanders

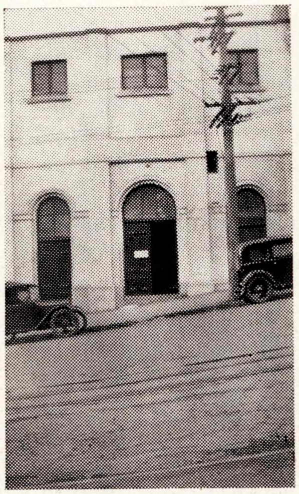
Reed — the first Circuit Steward —the Jenkins family, Miss M. Cannon, Mr. and Mrs. Pope, Mr. Paterson.


Original Plan of Octagon Hall
Eventually Discarded

The first organist was Miss E. Jenkins who played in the Rattray Street Hall, City Hall, and for some years in the Garrison Hall.

The first choirmaster was Mr. H. F. Pellett who was succeeded by Mr. D. M. Miller, followed by Messrs. A. Muir, E. H. Hutton, W. R. Don, Charles Martin, Mortley Peake, John Leech, Cecil James, Cliff Vince, and Ross Hughes.

It is interesting to note that the first baptismal service in the Octagon Hall was conducted by Rev. W. Slade. The names of the babies? Ethel Jean Lauder Adam, James Gray Cameron, Harold Raine Cameron, and Elsie Johnson.


Rattray Street Hall

As far as can be ascertained the foundation choir consisted of the following — Conductor, H. F. Pellett; Organist, Miss E. Jenkins; Secretary, S. Jenkins; Choristers, E. M. Jenkins, Mrs. Gould, Henry Stewart, M. A. Cochrane, J. Sanders, A. C. Stewart, M. Stewart, J. A. Heath, Miss Cannon, George S. White, Annie Wheeler, David Melville, E. M. Thomas, J. R. Jenkins, Bessie Sanders, H. Penman, W. B. Sanders, L. Warsdell, M. McMillan, H. McMillan, R. Lambert, E. F. Jenkins, Mark Sanders, L. Garrick, E. Waldie, John Fawcett and Slater. These are the names of the first Board of Trustees — Messrs. N. Reed, J. Garrick, H. Vanstone, J. Sanders, W. Sanders. Some of the early Society Stewards were — Messrs. J. Chalmers, Reid, N. Buie, W. Aitken, J. Adam, Clark, C. Stewart, W. Paris, J. Sanders, Jnr., T. Sanders, W. Hoskins, Samuel Jenkins, Richard Vanstone, J. Garrick.

METHODIST CENTRAL MISSION
Old Octagon Hall
Erected by Rev. Wm. Slade

Organists who have rendered devoted services — Miss Jenkins, Mr. E. Hutton, Miss F. Harland, Mr. C. A. Martin, Mr. F. Cawley, Mr. R. Perks, Miss Ruby White.

It has been difficult to compile a worthy and accurate list of the early workers in the Mission, but here are a few—Mr. and Mrs. John Sanders and family, Mr. Thos. Smith, Mr. H. F. Pellett, Miss M. McNish, Mrs. C. Marett and family, Miss J. Walker, Mr. Wilfred Sanders, Miss Hassell, Miss Matheson, Mr. D. C. Cameron, Snr., Miss Stewart, Miss Dryder, Miss Alice Burley, Mr. and Mrs. W. Paris and family, Miss Kevin, Mrs. Dawson, Snr., and family, Miss Clare Burley, Miss Chalmers (now Mrs. Philp), Mrs. W. Coulter, Mr. Hoare, Mr. John Lawrence, Mr. James Lawrence, Mr. Luscombe, Miss Coombs, Miss Ada Mackaray, Miss Clara Reeve, Miss May Spence, Mr. and Mrs. Pope, Mr. A. S. Adams, Mr. A. C. Broad, Mr. Wardell, Miss Maud Cannon, Mrs. J. Barr, Mrs. Churchill, Mrs. Worsdell, Mr. and Mrs. J. Chalmers, Mr. and Mrs Clark, Mr. and Mrs. C. Sullivan (Rev. C. M. Sullivan's parents), Mrs. McNeill, Mr. and Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Bremner, Mr. W. Aitken, Mr. and Mrs. C. Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Don, Miss Christina Jefferson, Miss Florrie Williams, Miss Mary Hollanby, Miss Jessie Clare, Miss Letitia Reid, Mrs. Andrews, Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. Richards, Miss Moir, Mr. Wills, Miss Bewley, Mr. Neil Buie, Mr. R. Lamb, Mr. Carter, Mrs. Alice and Miss Nellie Smith, Mr. W. Clydesdale, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dawson, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Cameron (now Sir Donald and Lady Cameron).

When the foundation-stone laying ceremony of the Octagon Hall was held the following programme was carried out. The mayor, Mr. Wm. Burnett, presided. Hymn, Old Hundredth; Prayer, Rev. Edward Drake; Scripture, Rev. T. W. Newbold. Anthem by choir; Addresses by Dr. Waddell (representing Presbyterian Church), Rev. W. Sanders, Council of Churches, Mr. H. D. Bedford, Rev. Wm. Slade. Hymn, "O Lord of Hosts, Whose Glory Fills." The stones were placed in position by Mrs. D. Haynes and Mr. John Ross.

OCTAGON
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Octagon Hall
Present Building

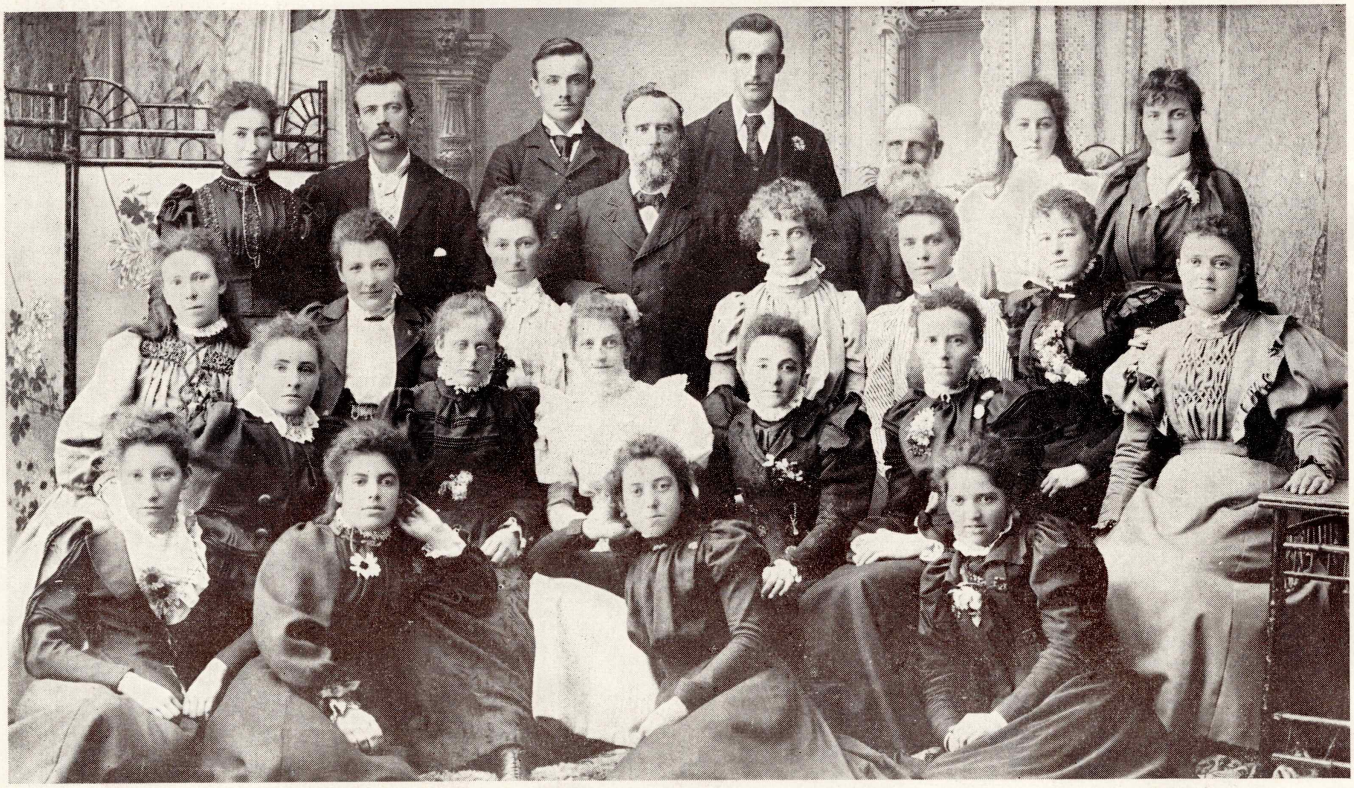
We remember with gratitude the work of the Deaconesses — Sisters Simpson, Ruth Fawcettt, Marie Davies, Clare, Alice, Lizzie, Emily, Jean Boot, Hazel Hamilton, Lenna Button, Margaret Kippenberger, and Margaret Taylor.

Superintendents of the Mission have been William Ready, W. A. Sinclair, W. Slade, C. Eaton, W. Walker, G. B. Hinton and L. B. Neale. In 1936 Conference decided on an assistant-superintendent. The following appointments have been made — B. M. Tasker, W. R. Francis, R. F. Clement, J. H. Woolford, H. Whitfield and W. E. Falkingham.

CHINESE MISSION

CHINESE MISSION, 1895

It was the Rev. W. Slade who made the first determined move to provide a permanent home for the Mission. The first site where Reilly's Auction Mart now stands proved to be unsuitable for foundations. Some piles were actually placed in position but the whole scheme was involving tremendous expenditure and the site was abandoned in favour of one available in the Octagon purchased from the Commercial Travellers' and Warehousemen's Association. On this site the present Mission building stands. It was purchased February 17, 1911, for £3,500. Messrs. Macdonald Bros. were given the contract for the foundations at a cost of £944, and for the building at £787. Mr. Andrew Carnegie donated half-cost of the organ, £375. The foundation stone was laid on September 30, 1911. In the year 1940, the Octagon Hall was remodelled at a cost of £20,000 — Amalgamated Theatres being responsible for £15,000 and the Mission Trustees for £5,000. On December 1, 1931, the block of shops adjoining the Mission building in the Octagon and extending up Stuart Street, was bought for £19,500.



GARRISON HALL DAYS

Back Row: Mrs. Clark, Mr. Paris, A. Duncan, Mr. Booth, Mr. Melville, Mr. Morris, Miss M. Peart, Miss M. Poole.

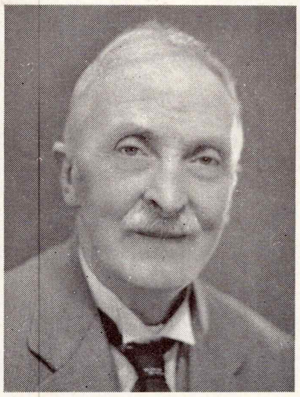
Second Row: Miss Hewitt, Miss D. Parrar, Miss Sanders, Miss Hoar, Miss Aitken, Miss Pidgeon, Miss Coleman.

Third Row: Miss L. Duncan, Miss Edwards, Miss Peltman, Miss F. Duncan, Miss A. Westwood.

Front Row: Miss A. Chalmers, Miss P. Marett, Miss L. Wright, Miss B. Westwood.

Loyal to the work throughout the years

Mrs. W. Coulter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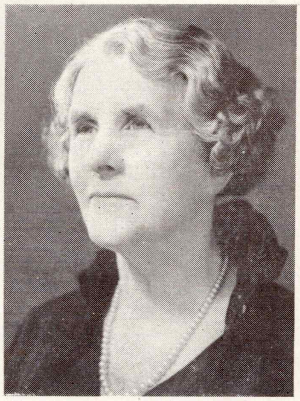
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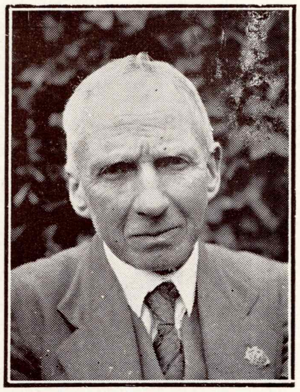
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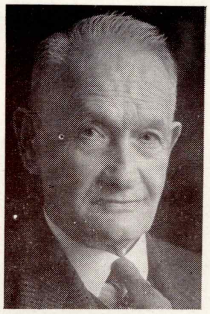
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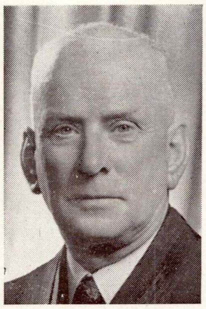
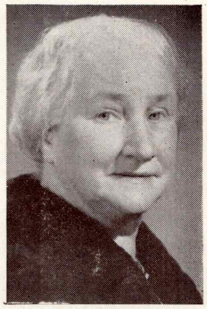

Sir Donald Cameron

Lady Cameron

Mrs. Hughes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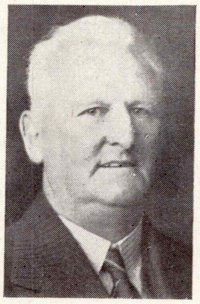
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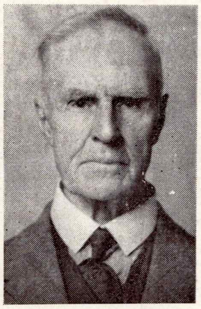
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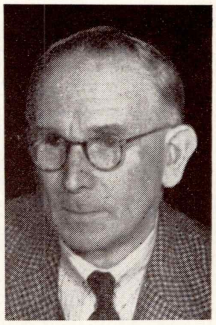
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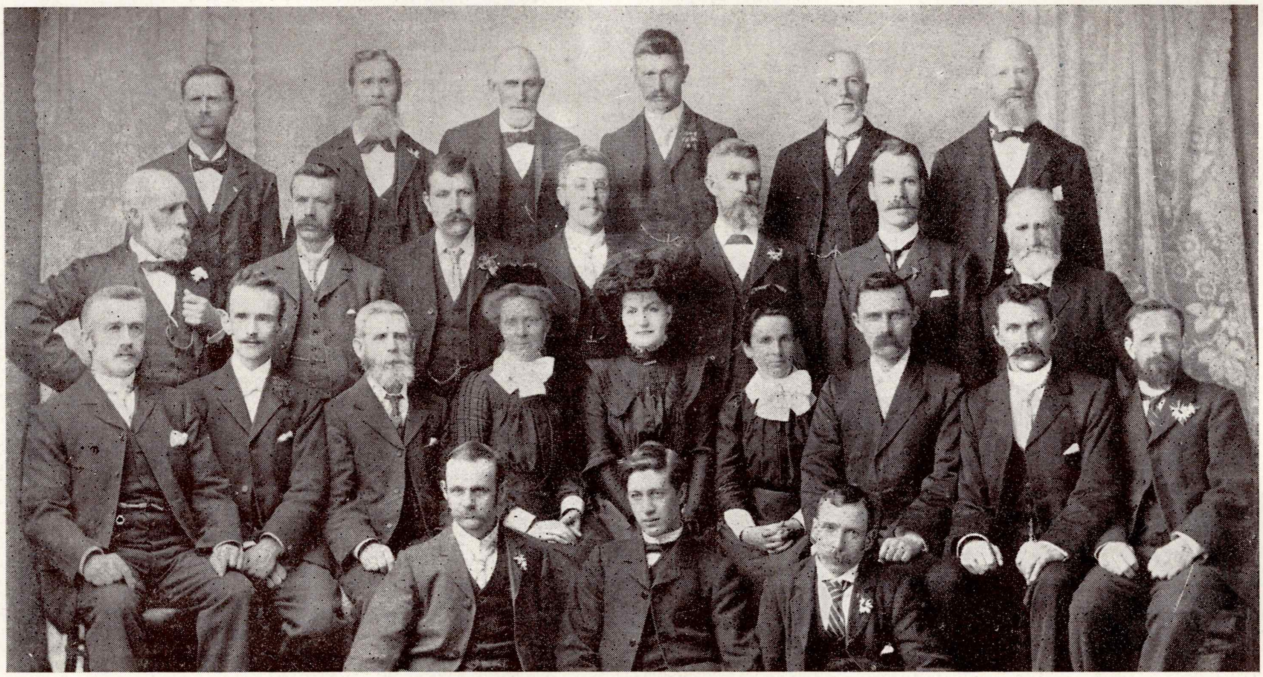
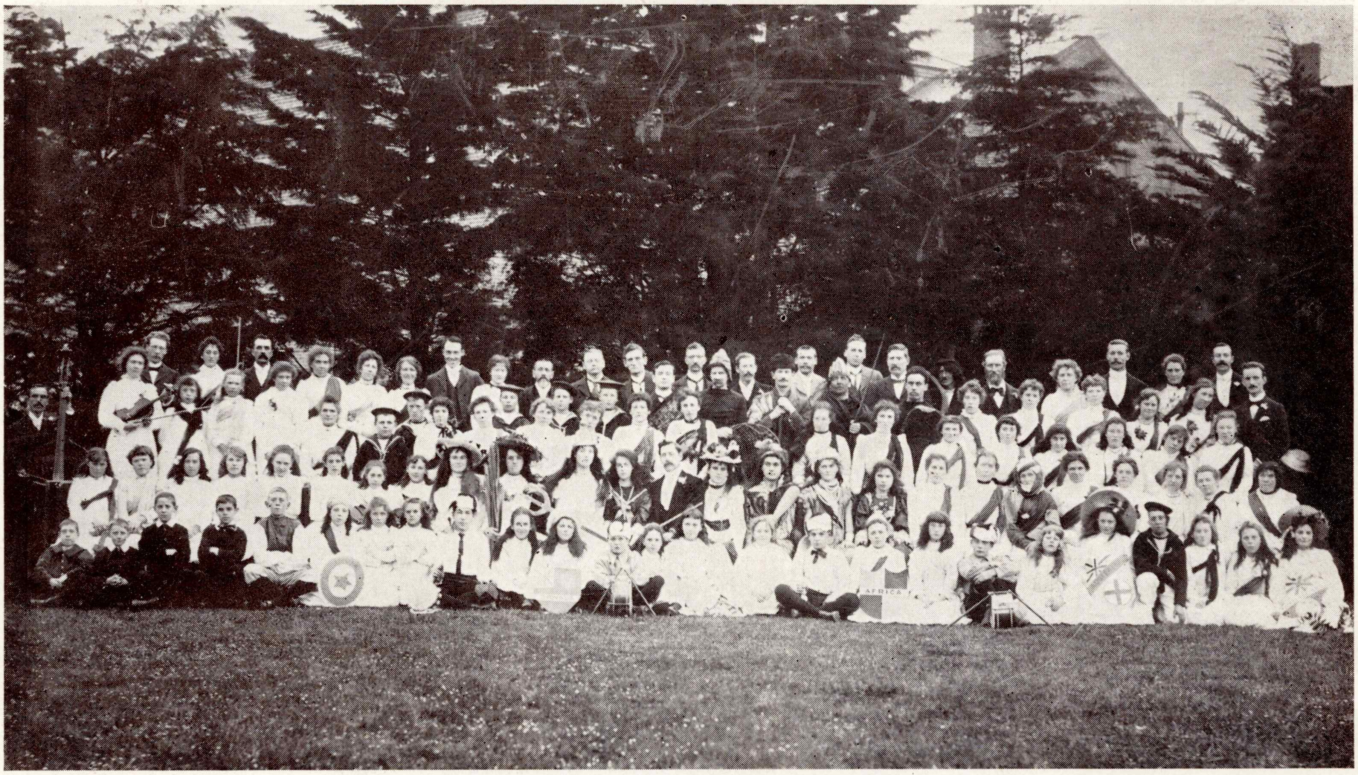


OFFICE-BEARERS, DECEMBER, 1902.

Fourth Row: R. C. Dawson, J. Carrick, J. Pope, T. Sanders, D. C. Cameron, J. Stewart.
Third Row: T. Morris, W. Paris, W. Aitken, J. Young, J. Sanders, T. Craig, D. Miller.
Second Row: W. Hoskins, Don. Cameron, J. Knowles, Sister Clare, Mrs. W. R. Don, Sister Marie, Rev. W. A. Sinclair, W. Anderson, T. Fairbairn.
Front Row: A. E. Moss, P. R. Paris, N. Buie.



CANTATA BRITANNIA AND HER DAUGHTERS, 1901
Photo taken in First Church Grounds.

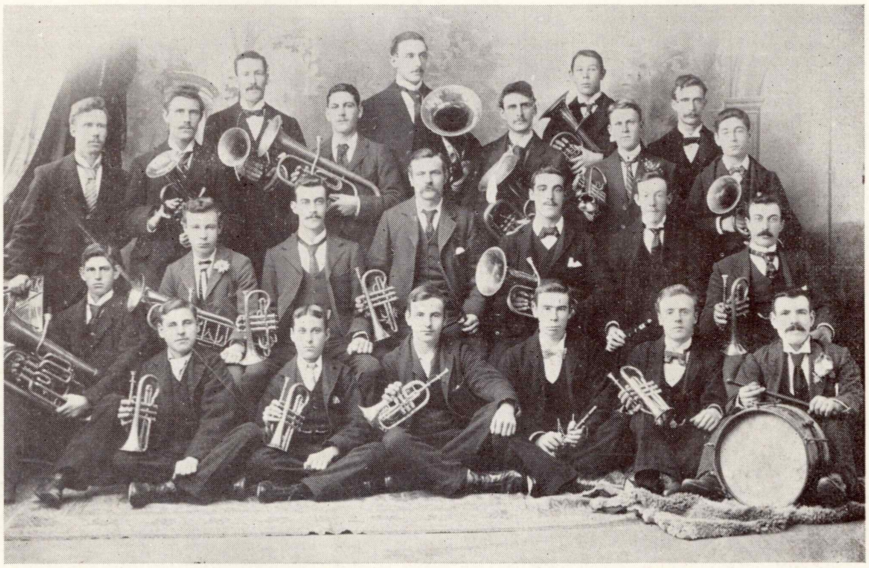
The Band was formed during the ministry of the Rev. W. A. Sinclair. Practices were held in a hall in Stafford Street (just above Sew Hoy). The Choir and an Orchestra, under the baton of Mr. Hutton, held practices in the same hall. Mr. H. Bowie—formerly a member of this band is still a member of the Dunedin Salvation Army Band.

Fourth Row: D. Stevens, J. T. Freeman (Corporal), A. C. A. Diggle.

Third Row: W. A. Iles, G. H. R. Iles (Custodian), F. Morrison (Hon. Sec.), F. R. Smith (Sergeant), W. Philp, W. Alexander, J. E. Wright.

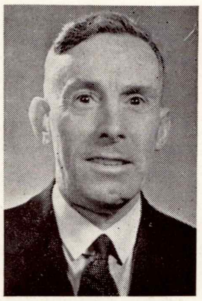
Second Row: H. Bowie, A. Stewart, H. L. Lamb, J. C. Kroon (Conductor), J. Marriet, A. G. Timms, E. Mockford.

Front Row: J. Henderson, B. H. Westwood, W. Henderson, A. D. Cormack, A. H. Timms, J. Stevens.



CENTRAL MISSION BAND, 1906.

CENTRAL MISSION BIBLE CLASS,
Stafford Street Hall, 1894. *Leader: Sister Clare*



W. Sanders.

The Grandson of Mr. John Sanders, in whose home Mr. Ready held his first meeting.

Mr. A. Stewart.

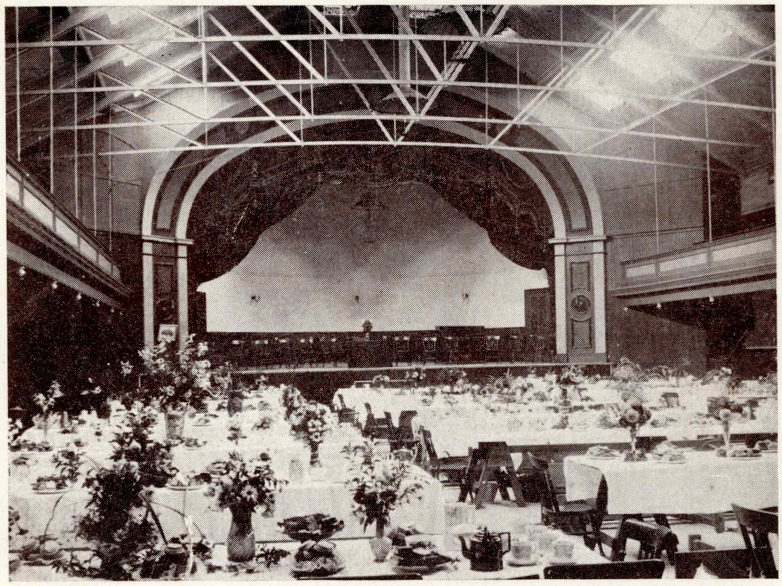
Mrs. A. Stewart.

Miss May Dawson.

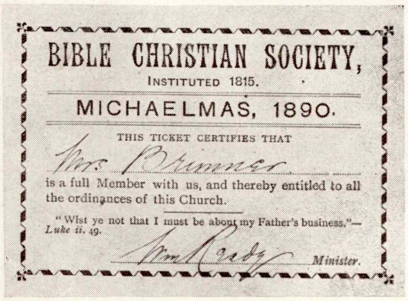
Mrs. L. Chapman.

Four Stalwarts of the Mission

Sister Ruth.



Tea Meeting Garrison Hall, 1894.

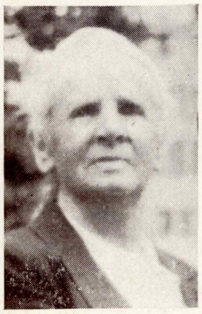


BIBLE CHRISTIAN SOCIETY,
INSTITUTED 1815.
MICHAELMAS, 1890.
THIS TICKET CERTIFIES THAT
Mrs Bremner
is a full Member with us, and thereby entitled to all the ordinances of this Church.

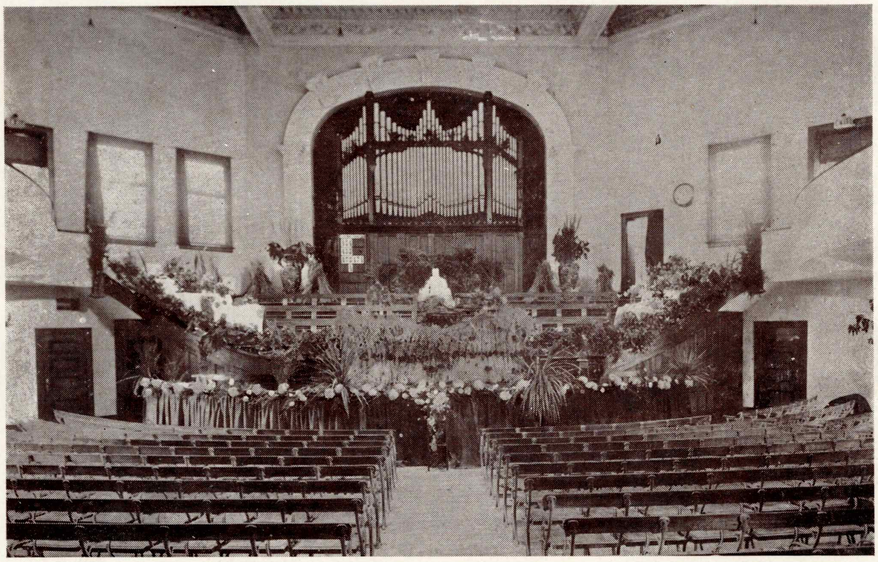
"Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business."—*Luke ii. 49.*

Wm Ready Minister.

A replica of the first Membership Ticket distributed by the Rev. William Ready in the year of the founding of the Mission. The recipient was Mrs. Bremner, Mrs. Tom Sanders' mother. It is in Mr. Ready's handwriting.



Sister Marie Davies, an early Deaconess. For some years she served in America as a Deaconess-pastor and then proceeded to Palestine as a Missionary for twenty-three years. She returned to New Zealand in 1946 and made her home at our Eventide Settlement.



Harvest Thanksgiving, Octagon Hall, 1912.
(Before reconstruction of building).

Central Mission Choir & Young Men's Club
Warrington Nov. 9th 1899

Central Mission Choir and Young Men's Club Picnic, Warrington, November 9, 1899.

Sister Alice

Sister Lizzie.

Winning Choir, conducted by Mr. W. R. Don, during Rev. W. A. Sinclair's ministry, 1905.

Winning Choir, conducted by Mr. W. R. Don, during the ministry of the Rev. W. Slade, 1912.

GARRISON HALL OFFICERS.

From left: Messrs. Wallace, Russell, Sinclair Peden and Robert Neilson.

OFFICIALS, AUGUST, 1925.

Back Row: C. V. Sim, H. H. Johnson, W. Aitken, A. Grogan, R. Lamb.

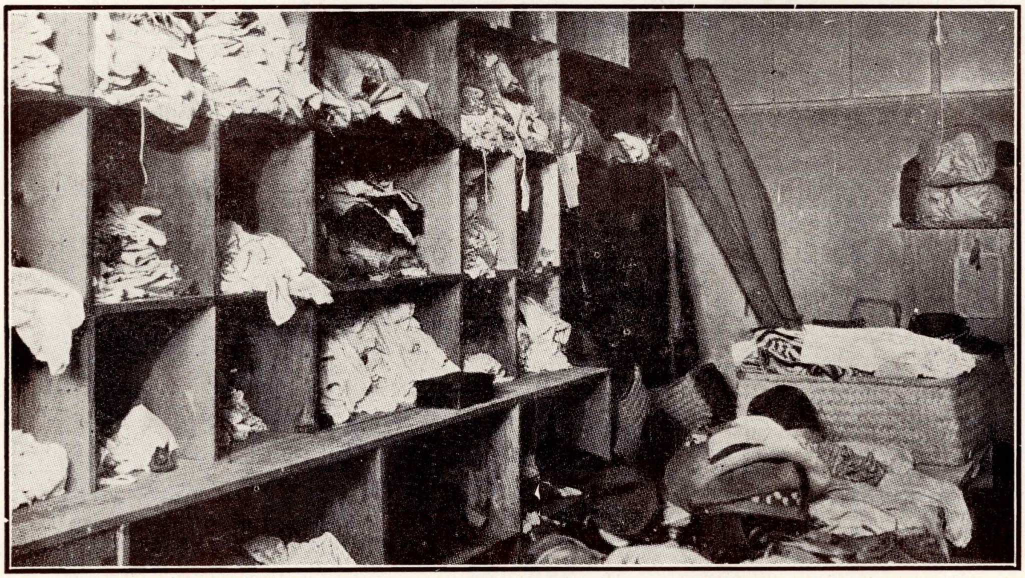
Fourth Row: P. White, Miss Chave, Miss B. Sanders, Mrs. Coulter, C. Wise, R. Moffat, R. Carter.

Third Row: G. Brown, C. A. Martin, N. Buie, Mrs. Twose, H. F. Pellet, Miss M. Macgregor, Miss Thomas, V. Watson, P. R. Chapman.

Second Row: D. C. Cameron, W. Paris, Mrs. Walker, Rev. W. Walker, Sister Hazel, W. Hoskins, Miss Jean Boot.

Front Row: Miss McNish, Miss M. Dawson.

The Central Mission tackled some of the problems of the depression years

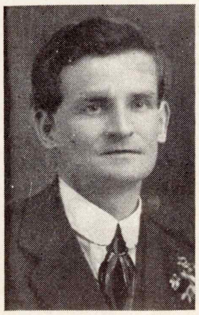


One of the Corners in the Distributing Depot.

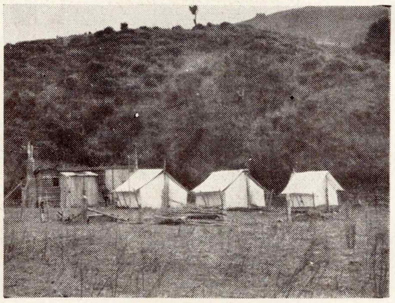
Mrs. J. Grant, who supervised the Relief Services of the Mission during the depression.

Mr. Arthur Grantham.

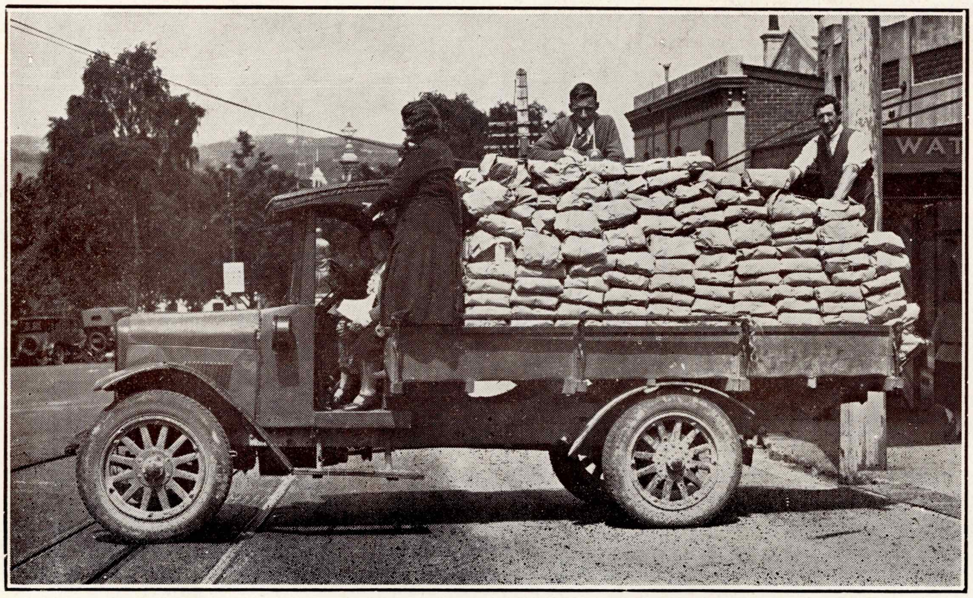
During the depression, beginning in 1931, the Social Service Department of the Mission was formed as an organization to deal with the economic position. An International truck was bought, a wood-cutting plant installed on the Maungatua hills, a messenger service for the reception and distribution of goods, an office set up, a pie-cart fitted up to provide hot coffee and food, and a butcher's shop established. Mrs. J. Grant dedicated her time and ability to the superintendence of the work and was busy day and night. Associated with this movement was Mr. Arthur Grantham and Mr. Ron King—both of whom tirelessly worked to ensure the benevolent ministry exercised. Seven carcasses of beef were distributed weekly—and at one stage during the riots in the city, 2,000 people per week were receiving clothing, footwear, food and fuel. Thousands of pounds were spent on this work. The Government subsidized the meat—penny per pound, as also the Mayor's Relief Fund, and all that was charged was ½d. per pound for prime beef to cover wastage. The Mission officials and members may deservedly be proud of the humanitarian service rendered in that unfortunate period of economic history.



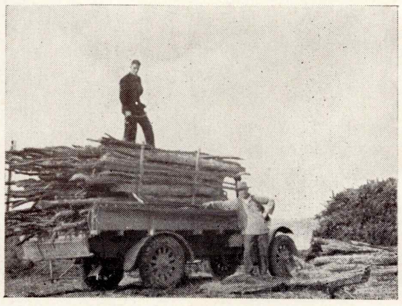
Mr. T. Stuart
One of the many helpers



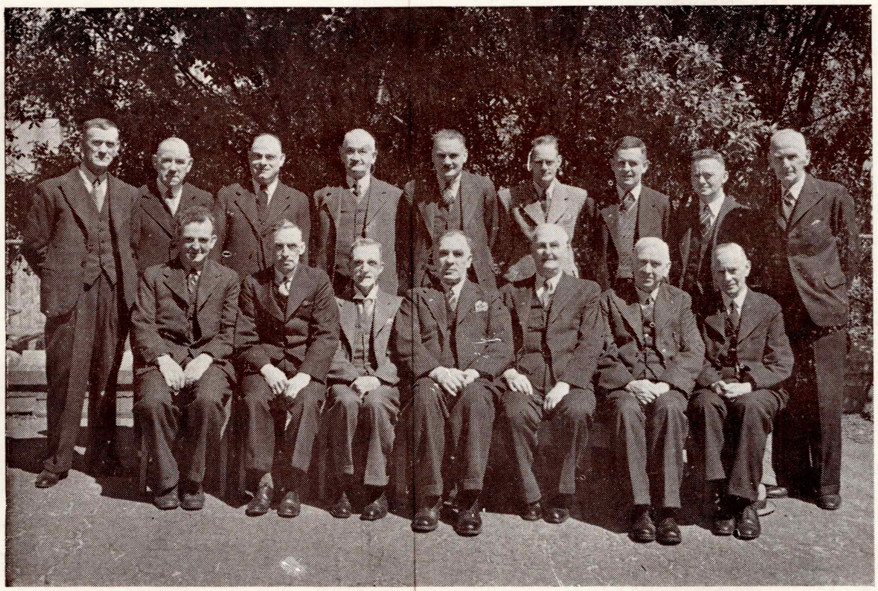
Camp established by the Mission at Maungatua, 1932. Seven men were employed to provide firing for needy families.



A FULL LOAD OF GIFTS FOR WORTHY FAMILIES



The truck being loaded with wood for the city depot.



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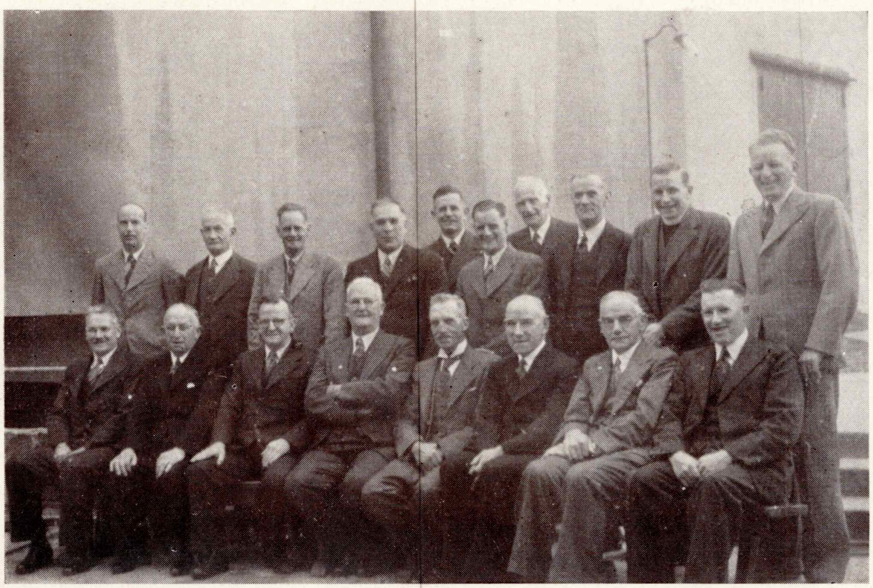

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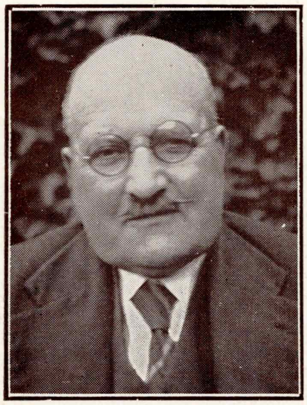

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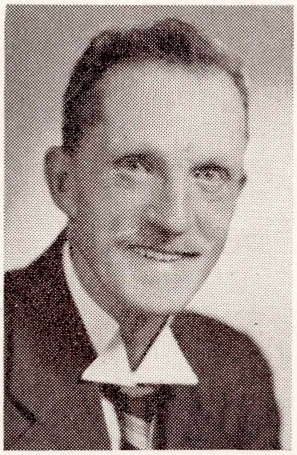
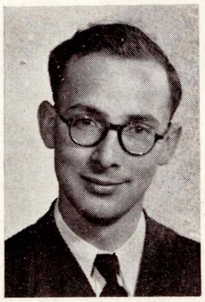


Mr. H. H. Johnson,
Vice-president of the Conference, 1948. Circuit Steward, Secretary and Treasurer of the Board of Trustees.



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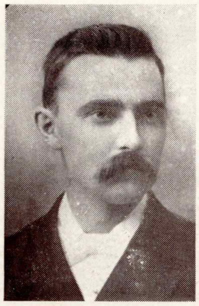
Circuit Steward, 1950.



Rev. W. A. Sinclair,
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Rev. W. Slade,
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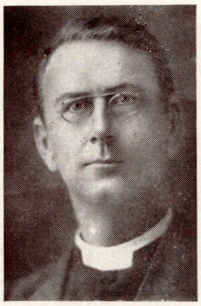

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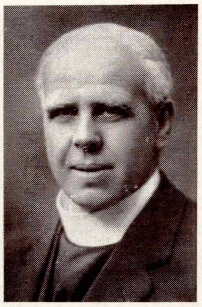

Rev. W. Walker,
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Rev. G. Hinton,
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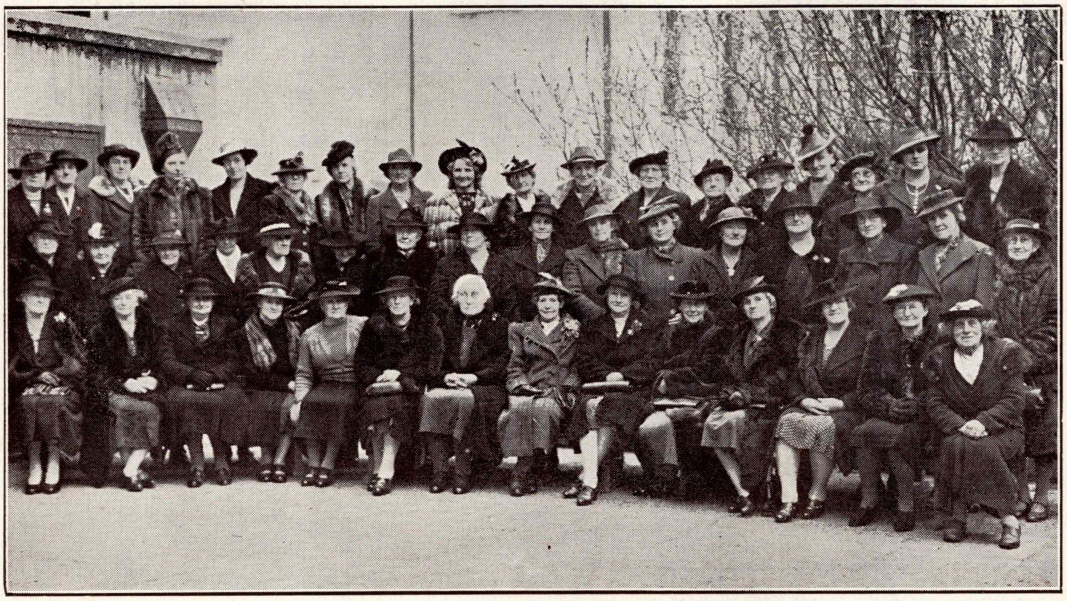
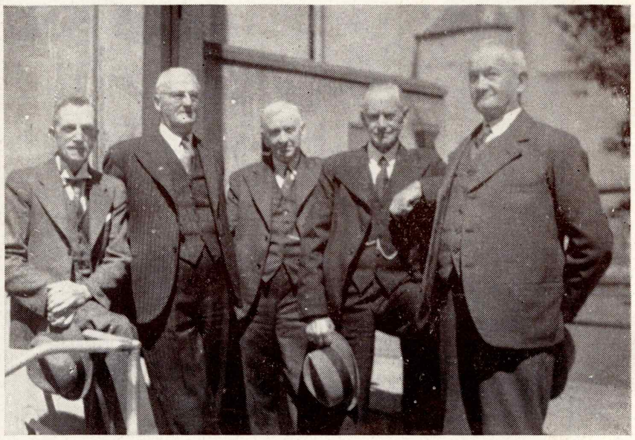
Past Superintendents of the Mission.



Women's Guild, 1940. President: Mrs. H. H. Johnson.

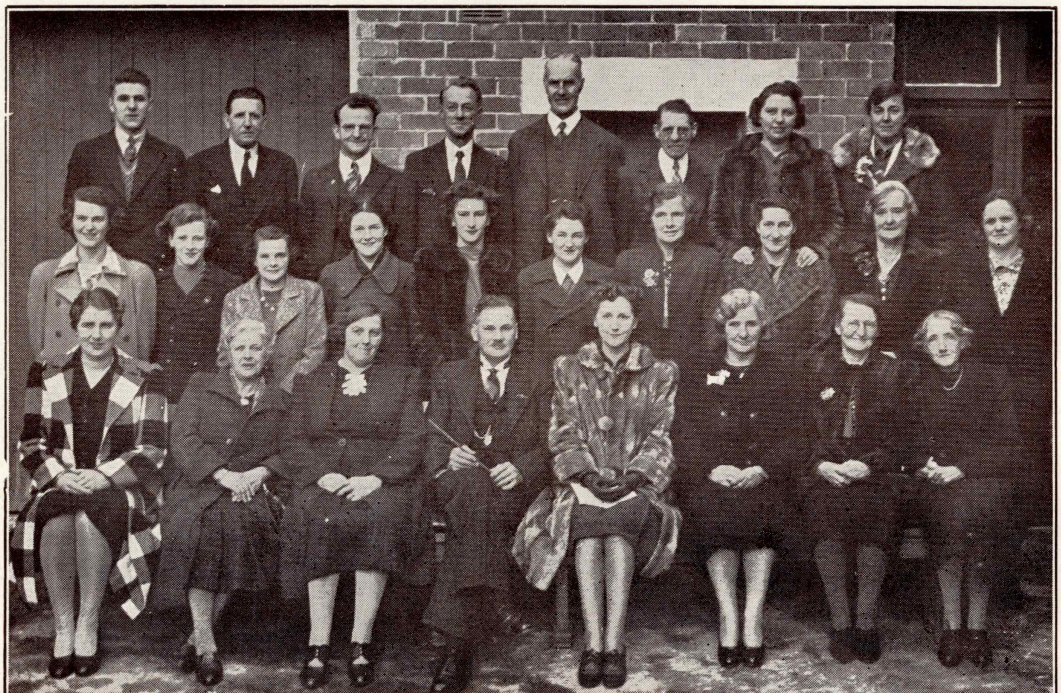
Sister Hazel,
Central Mission Deaconess
1924-40.

An afternoon gathering of women to help the annual effort.
Held in the Sunday School Hall, 1948.



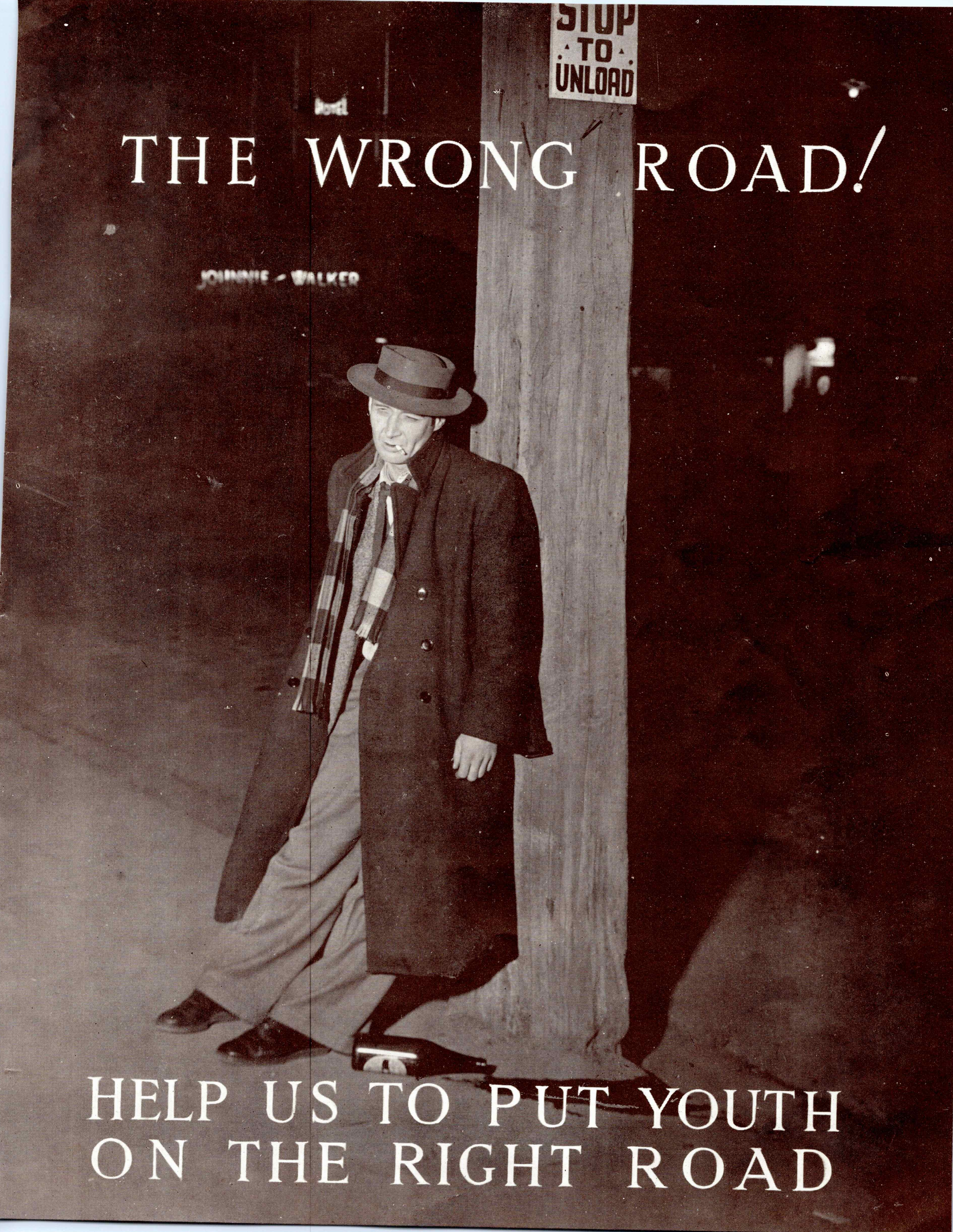
Group of Trustees, 1947.
From left: Harry Johnson, James Adam, Edward Newell,
Frank Dawson, David Melville.

Sister Jean Boot,
Honorary Deaconess,
1921-6



Central Mission Choir,
1943.
Conductor: Ross Hughes.
Organist, Ruby White,
L.T.C.L., L.R.S.M.

THE WRONG ROAD!


STOP
TO
UNLOAD
HOTEL
JOHNNIE WALKER

HELP US TO PUT YOUTH ON THE RIGHT ROAD

A Plan for Citizenship

Here is the story of what we are planning for the citizens of to-morrow. As the plan takes shape and unfolds it will be a warm story of friendship, service, gaiety and laughter. It will bring aim and purpose to many young men and women who are at present walking with aimless feet about our city streets.

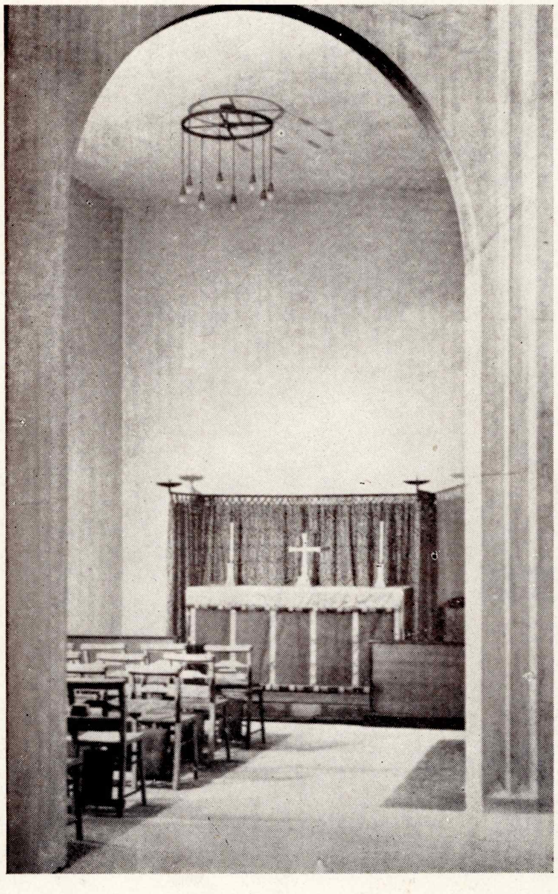
We are building a Christian Community Centre and Clubland in the heart of the city.

Many worthwhile occupations will constitute the programme. Woodwork, printing, weaving, photography, philately, leather-craft, pottery, basket-making, dramatics, will be featured. Games such as ping-pong, billiards, bobs, quoits, badminton, will be introduced, while there will be a music-room where music-lovers may play their recordings and given instruction by musical experts. Educational and religious films will be shown and a useful library developed. By means of these activities young people will learn the most important subject of all—how to live!

Why Build a Clubland?

A Clubland such as we envisage involves great expenditure. Some people may feel that such an expenditure is not justified but faced with the growing need in our city life we are convinced that this scheme provides an effective means of conveying the Christian faith and message to young people who remain untouched by the orthodox ministry of the Church. The housing situation to-day so often makes decent home-life well nigh impossible. Flats and overcrowded homes compel many youths to find their social life outside the walls of the home . . . worse still, there are parents who make no attempt to make their house a home for their growing sons and daughters. Their children are not wanted so they are compelled to find their interests on the streets and amongst whatever companionship they may find. If the companionship is bad they find no satisfactory answers to their eager questions about life. Some of them become potential criminals. When one sees some of the juvenile delinquents before the Magistrate one often feels that it is the parents who should be standing trial. It is not easy to isolate the causes of delinquency. Many factors contribute to the problem, but we believe the unsatisfactory home is the root cause of the trouble. It is a hard fight for many young people to-day . . . we must help them in their fight.

LOOSE END CLUB. Teenagers to whom Clubland will appeal.

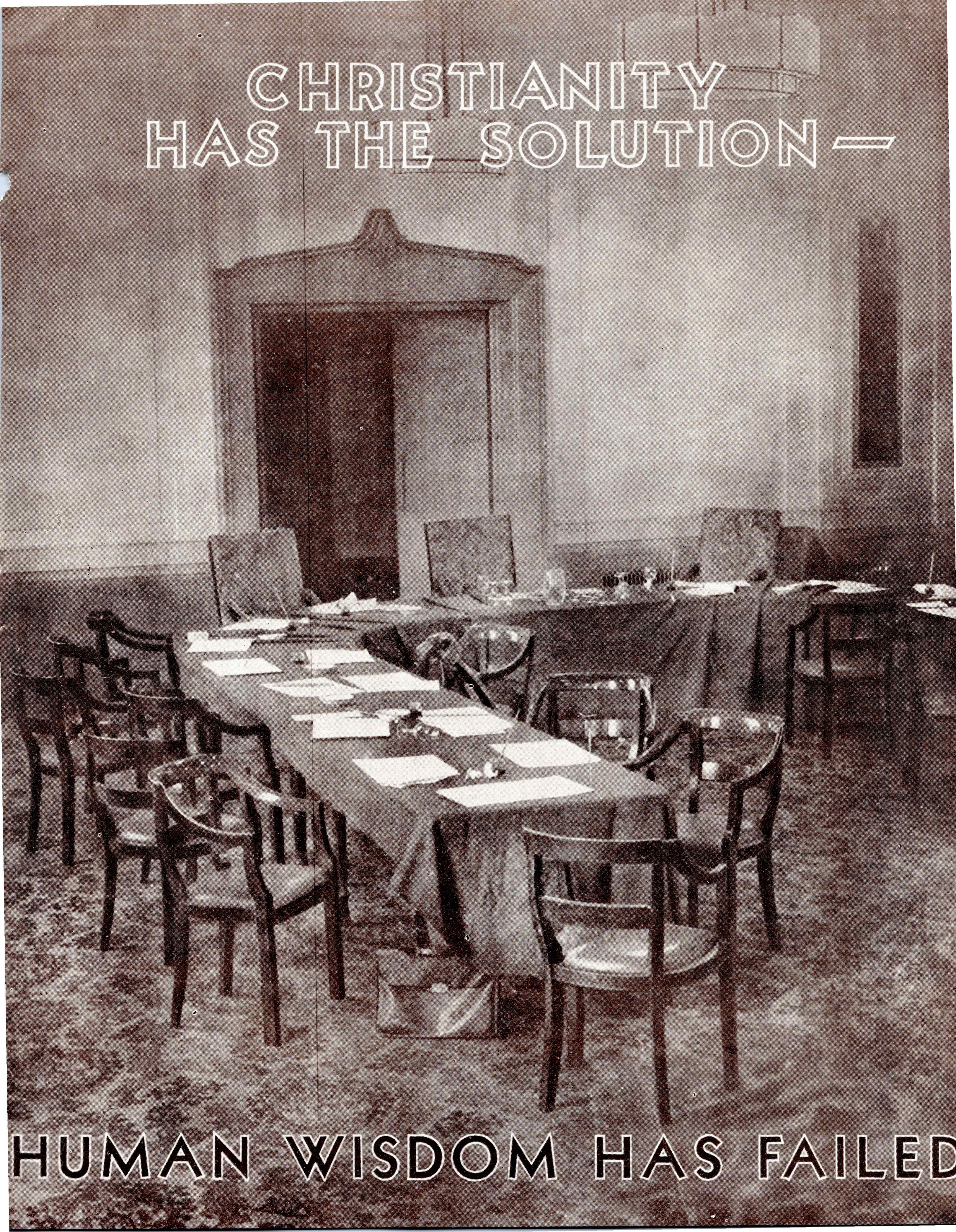


The Christian Answer

As a Mission, we have stood at the crossroads of human needs so often. With the help and goodwill of progressive-minded citizens we will stand there again to help the citizens of to-morrow to become useful members of the community and to find the Christian answer to life.

A chapel will be incorporated in our Clubland scheme. It will be the centre of all our activities. It is not enough to teach young people to use their hands or their brains – we must teach them the Christian way of life and the Christian answers to the eager questionings of youth. We must teach them how to live adventurously and courageously as ambassadors of the Prince of Glory. This is the goal of all our planning.

CHRISTIANITY HAS THE SOLUTION—



HUMAN WISDOM HAS FAILED

The RADIO CHURCH of The Helping Hand

The Central Mission, in co-operation with most Christian churches, is employing every available method of promulgating Christian truth and building into community life the essentials of nationhood. It has displayed attractive posters on tramcars, flashed from its centre a Neon Message weekly, advertised on picture screens, distributed suitable literature to young and old and exploited other avenues of impregnating life with Christian ideals.

In an endeavour to reach the thousands unattracted by the ministries of an orthodox church and to combat modern evils and indifference to religion the Rev. Leslie B. Neale inaugurated on April 9, 1934, what is termed "The Radio Church of the Helping Hand" which, as a medium of Christian education, has received growing recognition. Many young people without the home example of church-going, completely lacking any knowledge of the Christian faith, hundreds of old folk spending life's eventide without normal associations and interests, thousands debarred from attending Christian worship because of family responsibilities, have expressed appreciation of the broadcasts.

In addition to sending out messages of cheer and trying to relate religion to every aspect of life the broadcasts encourage financial support for the Eventide Homes. Boxes are distributed to interested people who make a quarterly contribution.

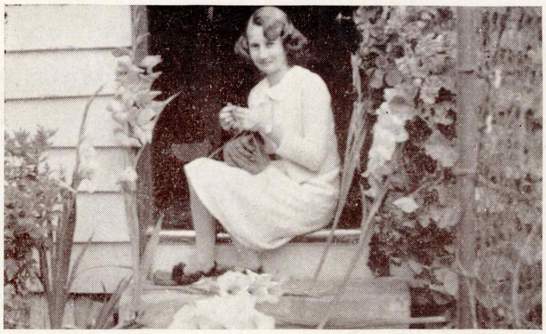
Radio Church

Rev. B. M. Tasker, B.A., at the microphone, 1936.

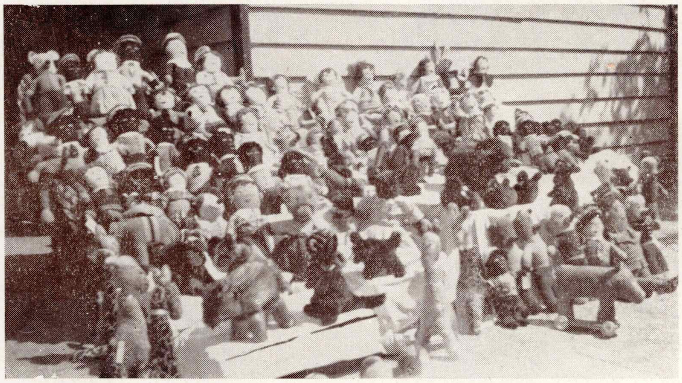
The popularity of the Radio Church is simply remarkable and throughout the years individual members have co-operated in many ways. Some have made gifts for the old folk in our Eventide Homes' Settlement, articles for the annual Sale of Work which is held in the Concert Chamber of the Town Hall, and made it possible to distribute Christmas Cheer. During the depression a shop was opened in George Street to display some of the goods made by members.

On this page appears the photograph of Miss Ida Pellowe, East Taieri who, with her mother, works daily making toys, children's garments and fancy work — all of which find a ready sale. Miss Pellowe does not charge anything for her work, finds her own materials and almost provides a stall with goods. She is a keen worker and typical of many members who unfailingly accord their support.

During the seventeen years of its existence the Movement has contributed over £1,000 a year. At present there are approximately 1,200 members of all denominations. The executive of the Mission records appreciation of the support accorded and invites all interested in Christian institutionalism to join up in membership. Tune-in Sunday mornings, 9.30 a.m., to Station 4XD, 1,430 k.c., and listen-in to the broadcasts of the Radio Church of the Helping Hand conducted by Uncle Leslie. The signature record is "Live and Let Live," and the signing-off number — "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere."



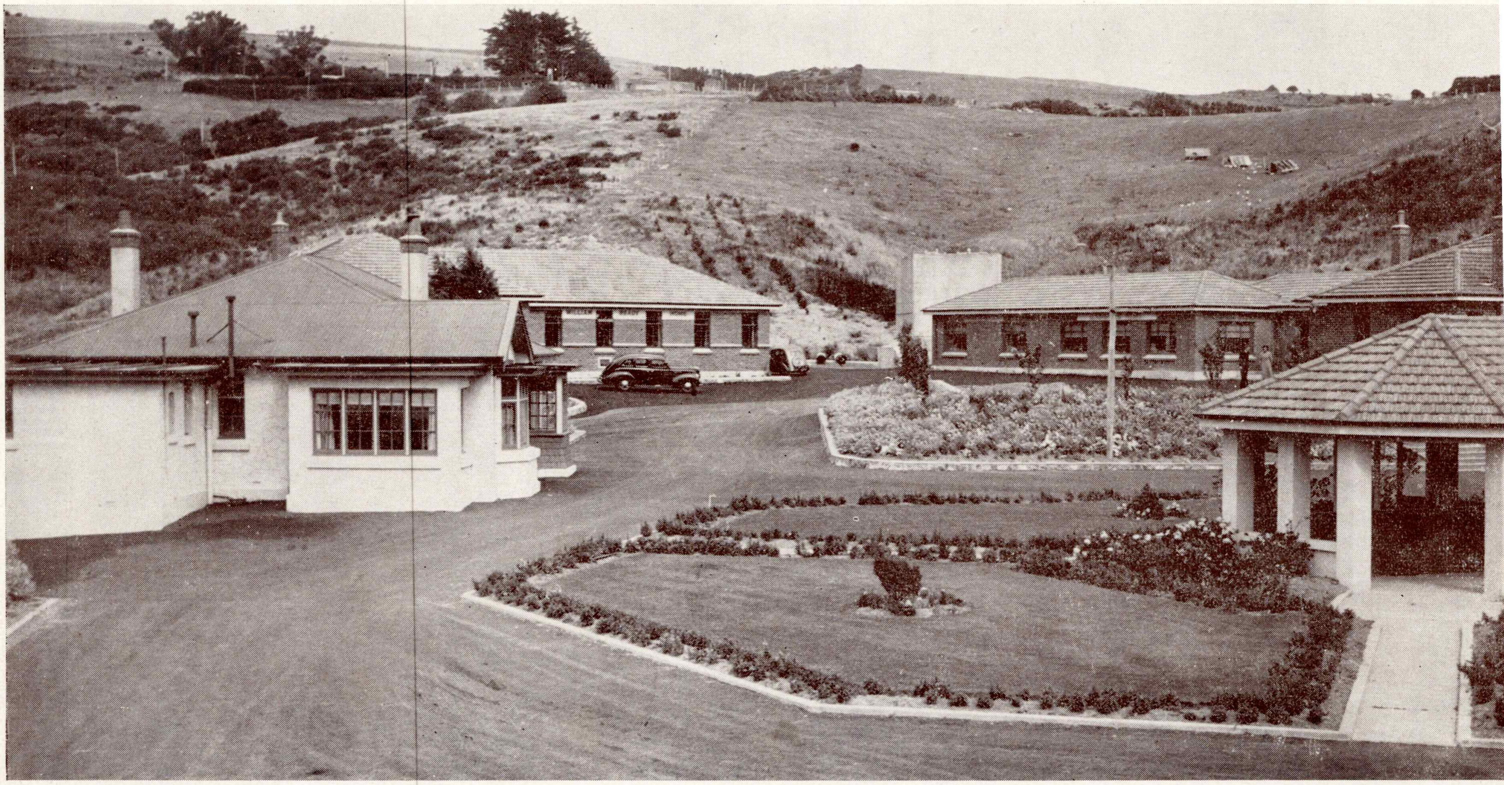
Miss Ida Pellowe, of East Taieri, at work.
Mrs. Pellowe and Ida have been members of the Radio Church since its inception and by their gifts of toys created widespread interest.



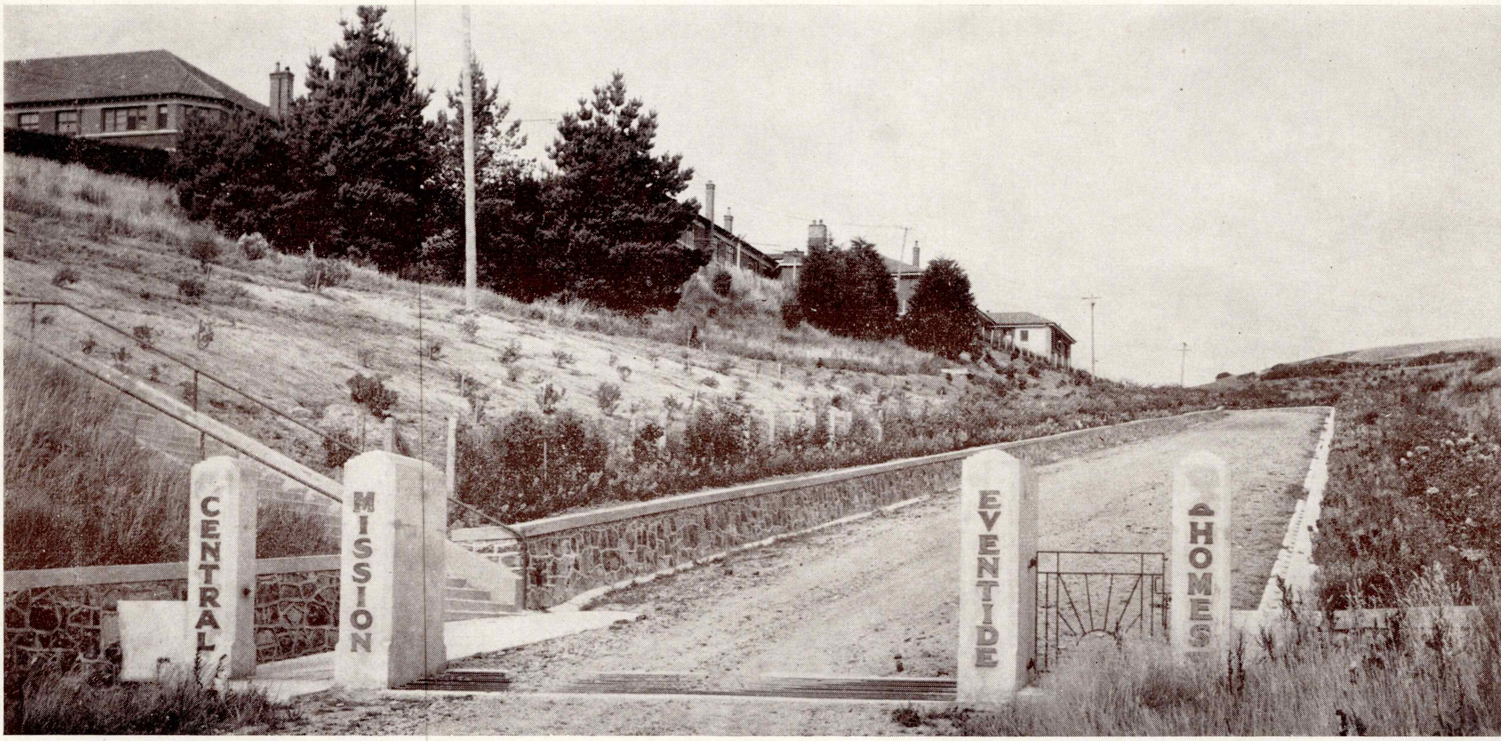
Ida's dolls, giraffes, elephants and donkeys.
These are a few of last year's toys, 1949.

VIEWS OF THE EVENTIDE HOMES

Irrespective of creed we minister to those in need



THE NEIL AND ELIZABETH BUIE HOME ON THE LEFT.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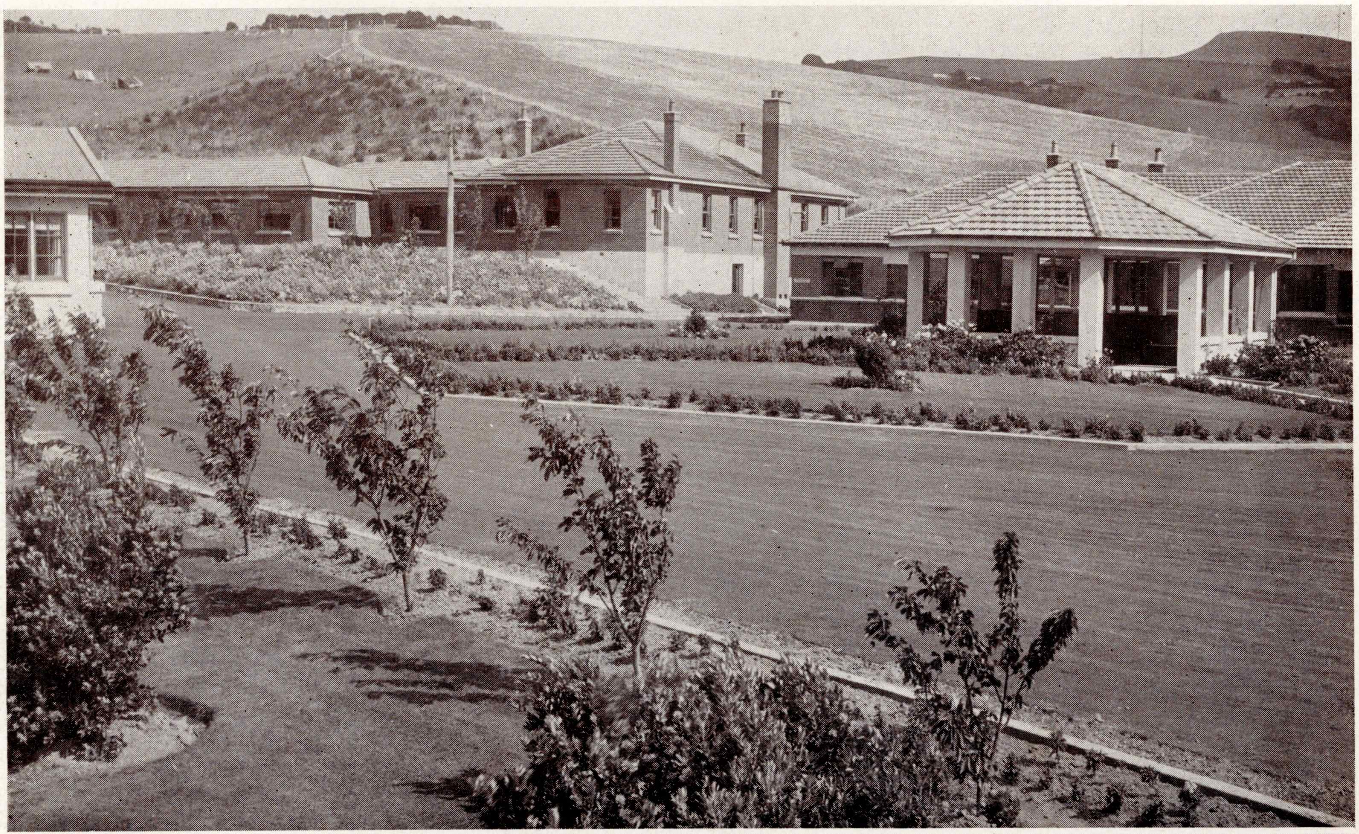
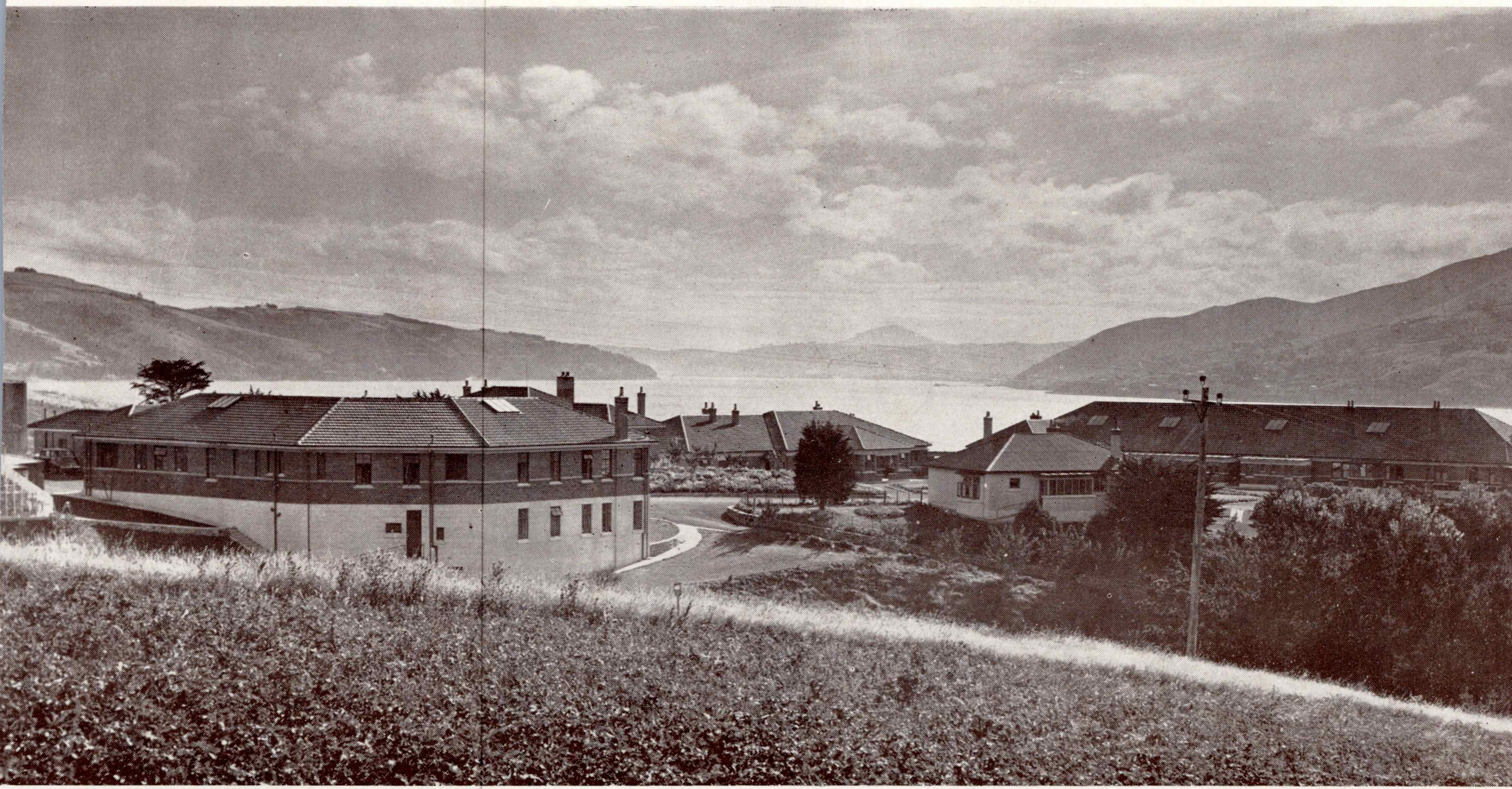
Homes of Joy and Beauty

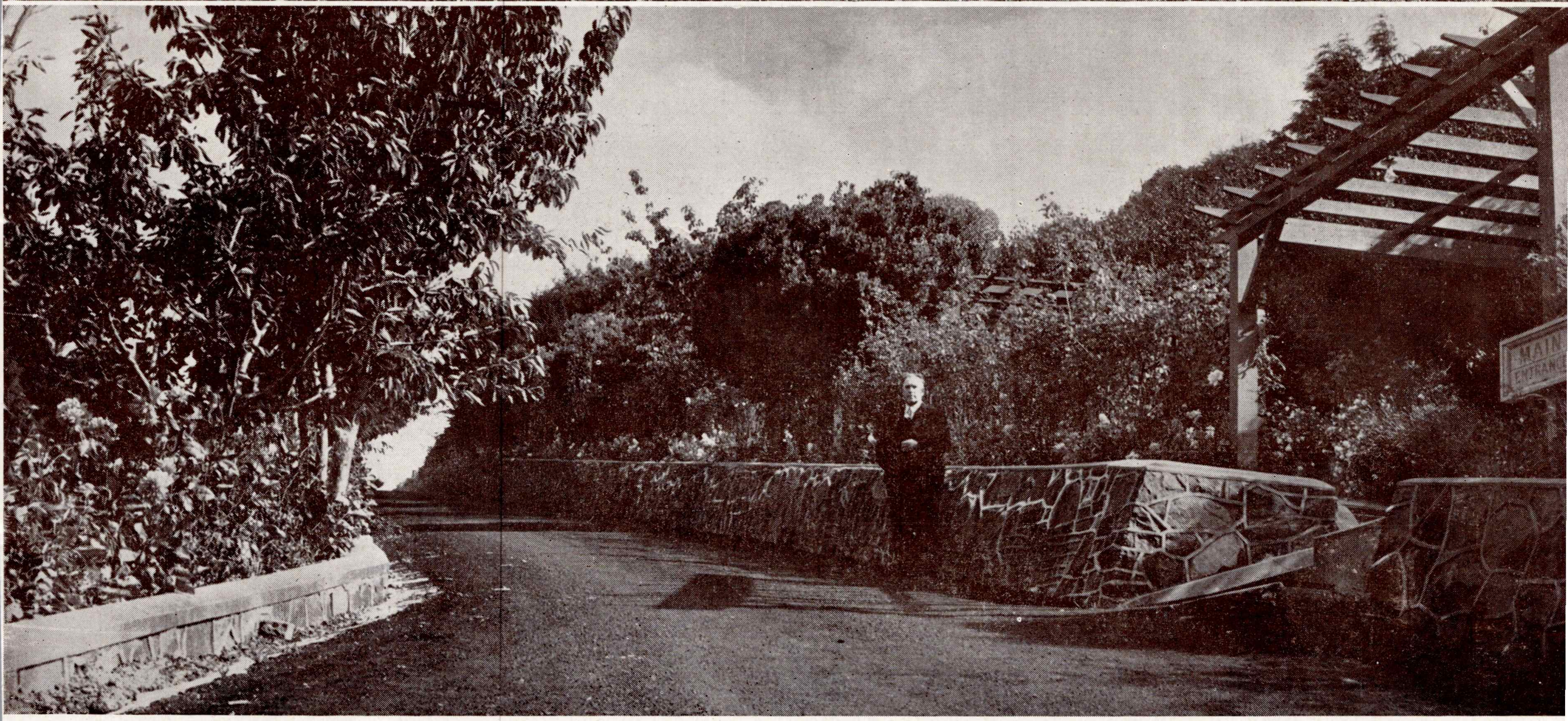


2,000 ANNUALS IN BLOOM OUTSIDE HOSPITAL BLOCK

In the Spring of 1949, 8,000 Daffodils and 10,000 Antirrhinums bloomed.

A Project which Merits Recognition in Your Will

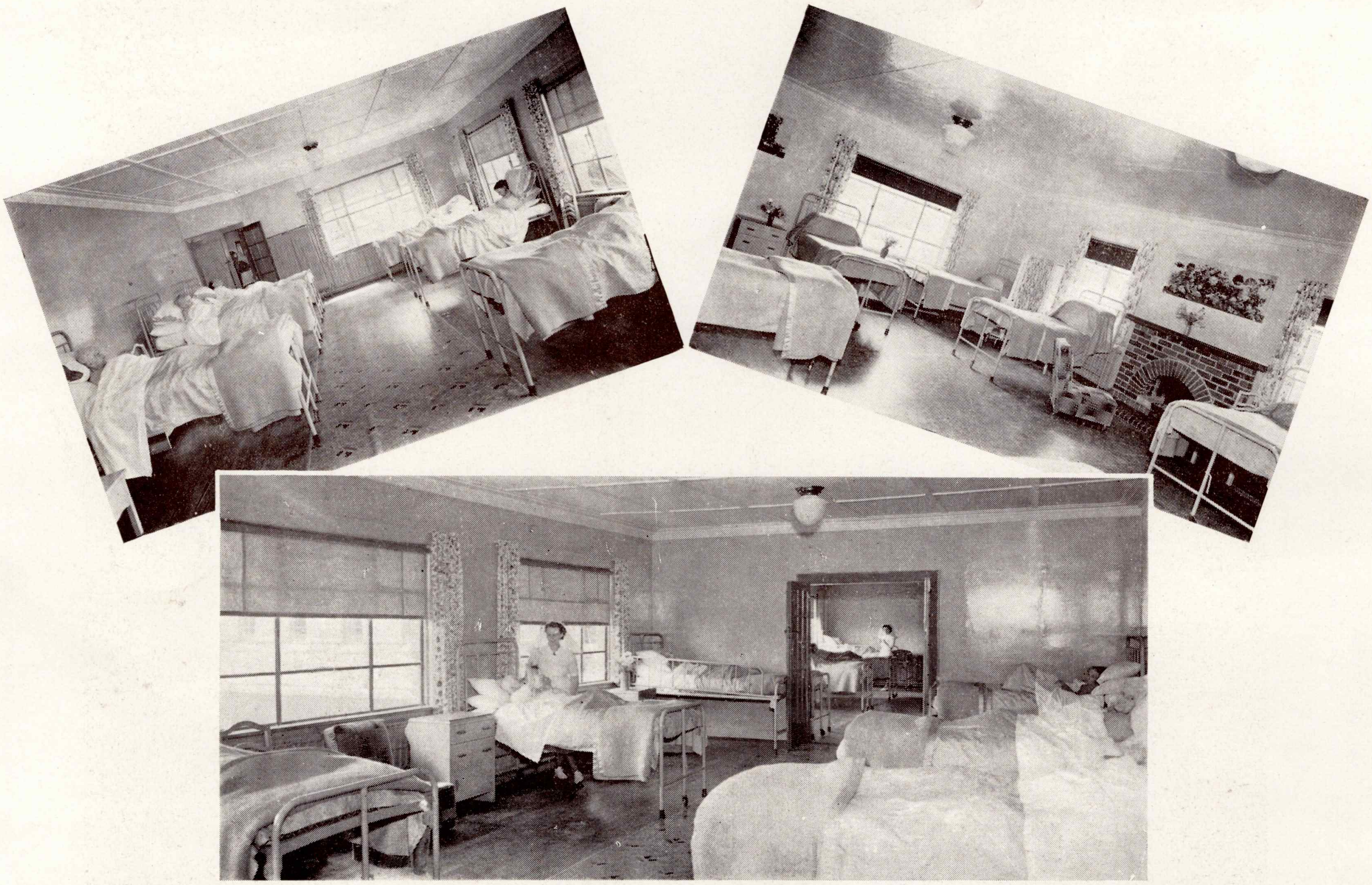




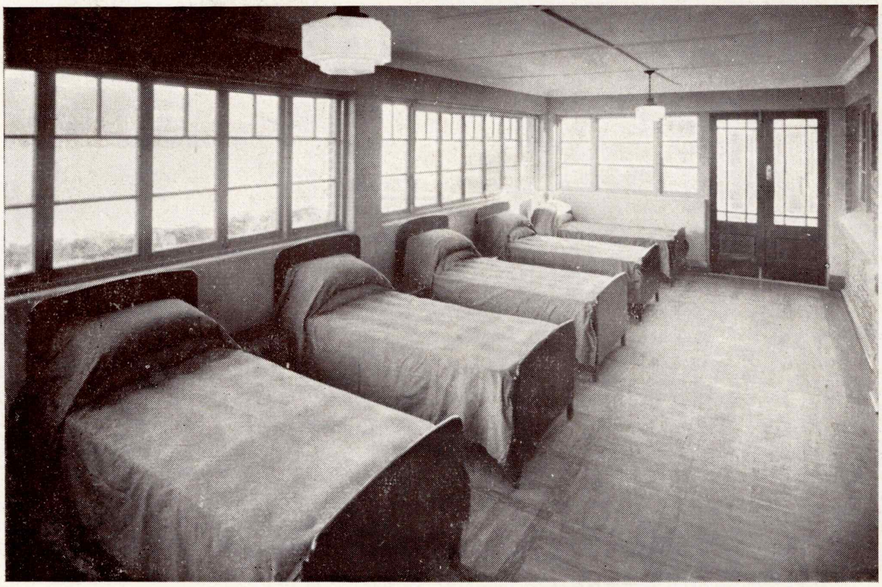
THE TWO ENTRANCES TO THE SETTLEMENT MAKE POSSIBLE A CIRCULAR DRIVE.

Help us to honour those who have contributed what we have inherited

Interior Views — Hospital Block



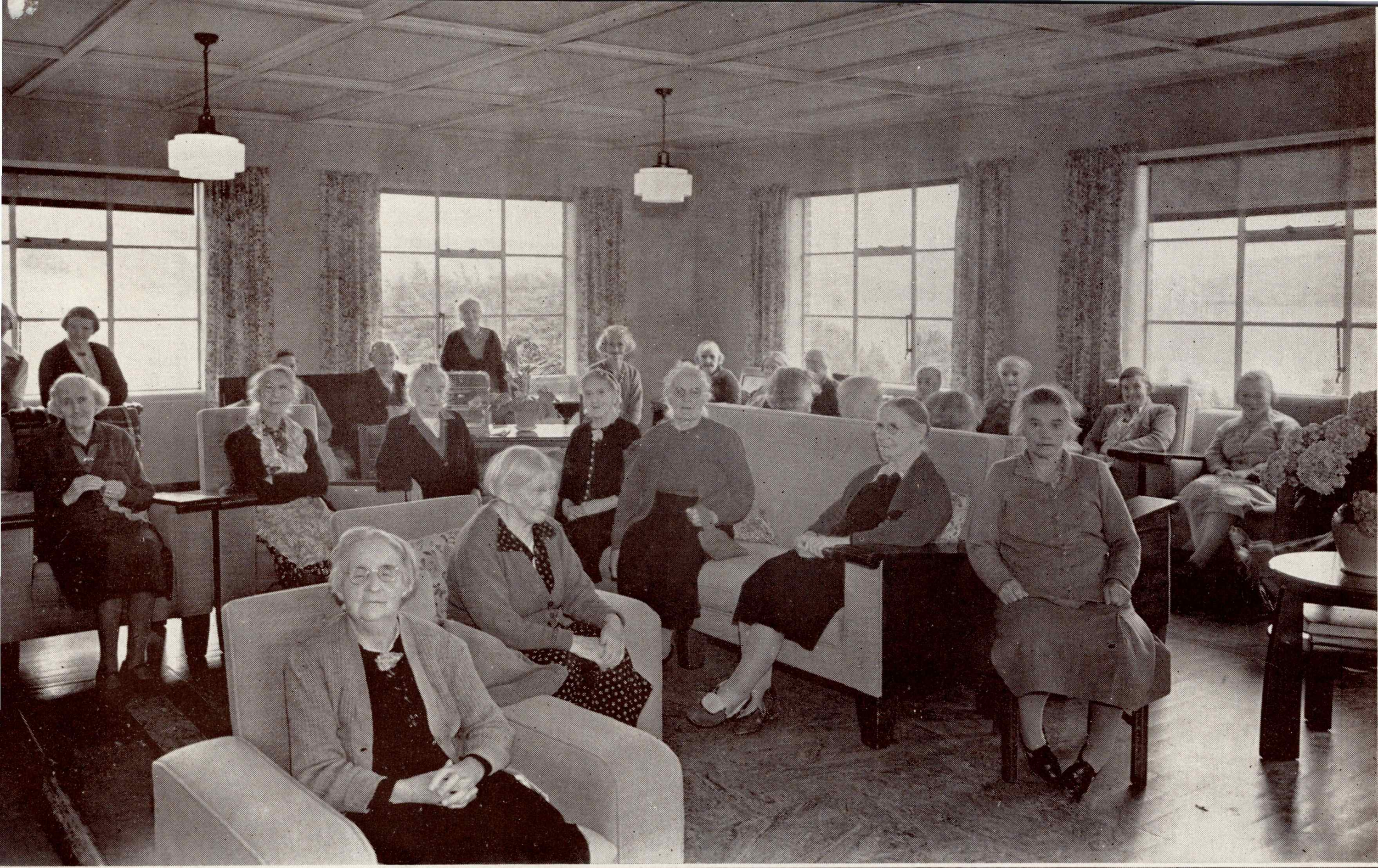
1. THE LENNA BUTTON WARD. 2. THE HARRY JOHNSON WARD. 3. THE SANDERS WARD.

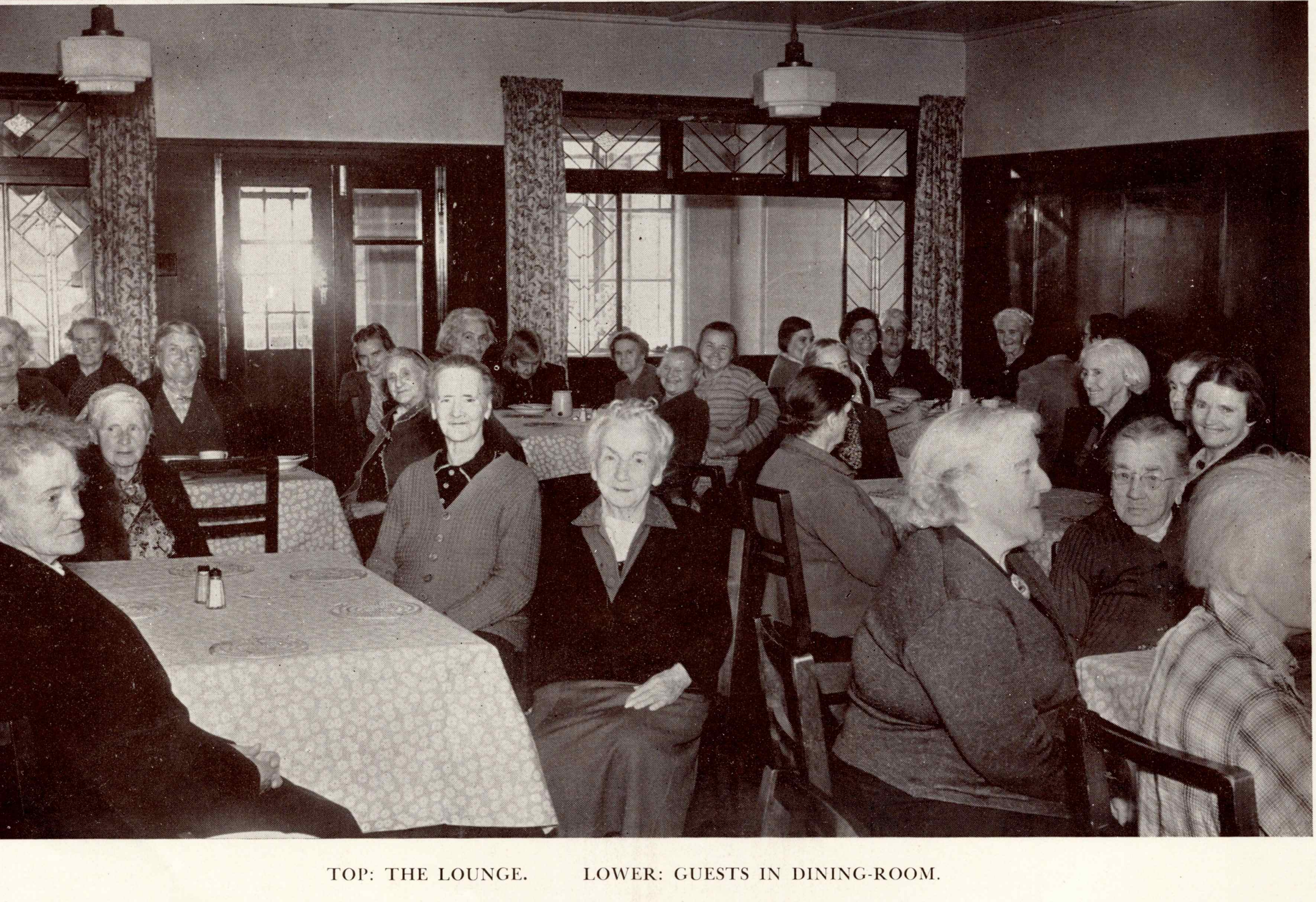


ONE OF THE SPACIOUS DORMITORIES.

Sister McFadgen with one of our bed patients.

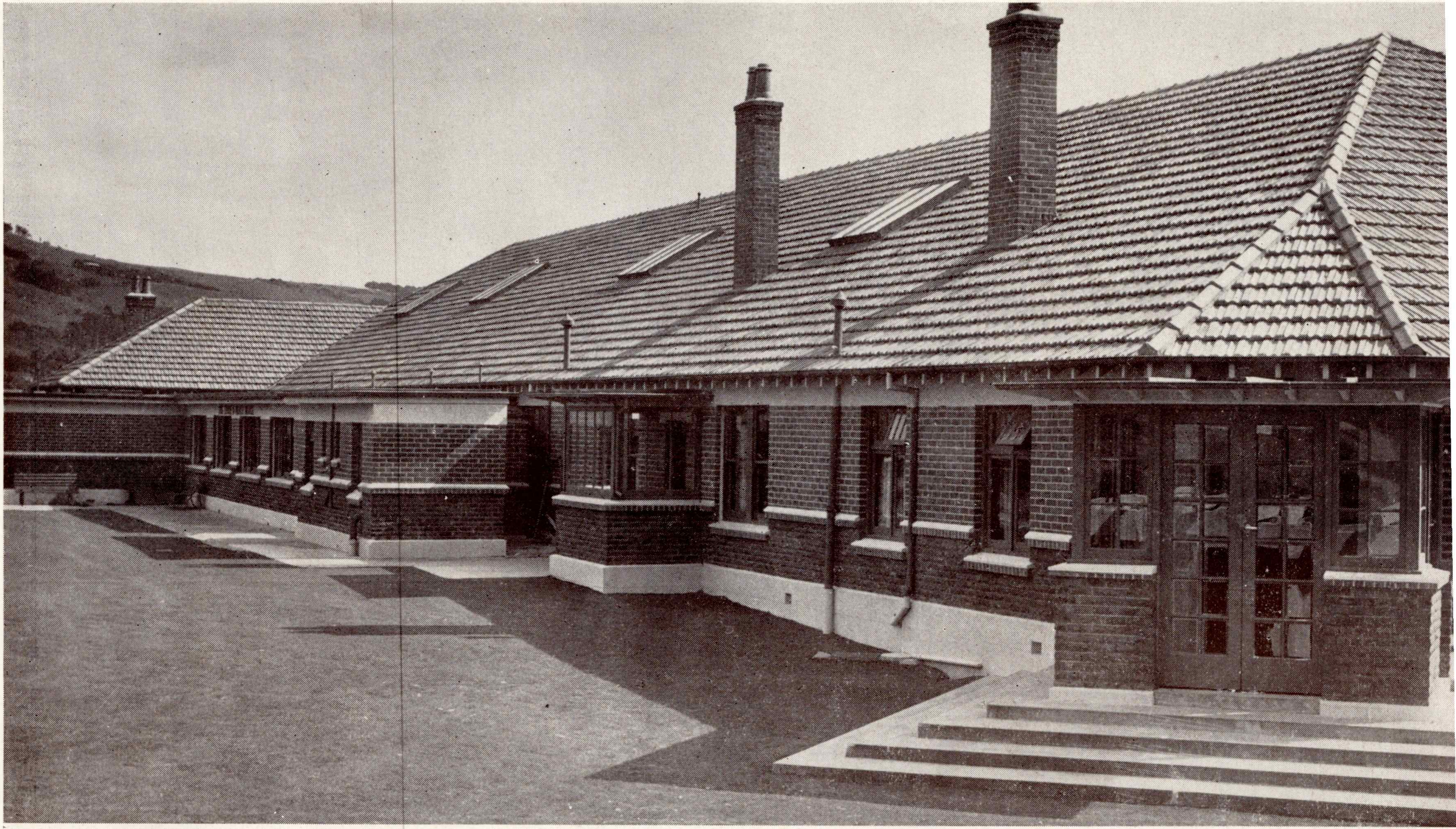
REV. LESLIE B. NEALE, M.B.E., E.D., B.A., F.R.G.S.
Superintendent of the Central Mission for the past twenty years.

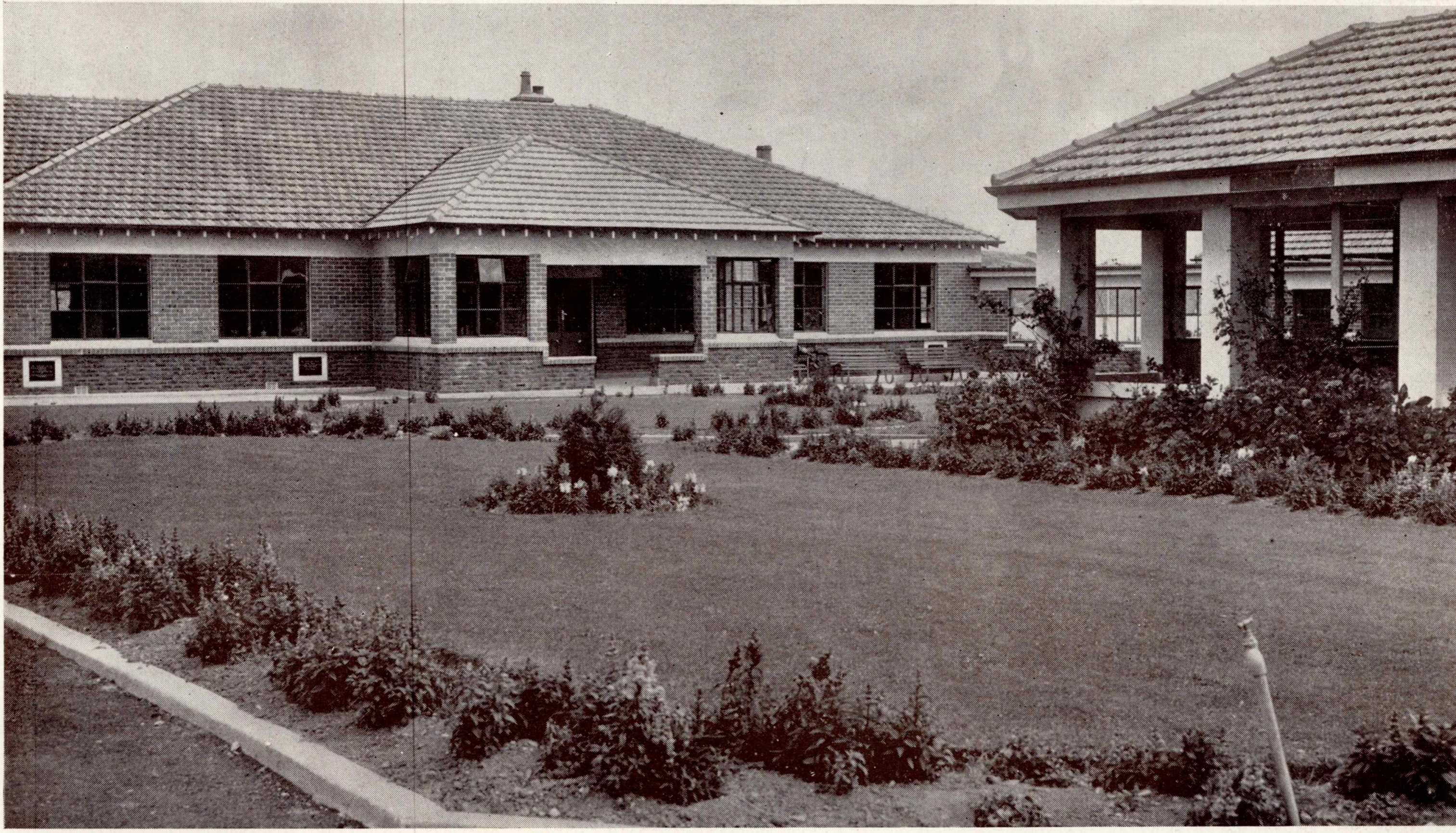




TOP: THE LOUNGE.   LOWER: GUESTS IN DINING-ROOM.

A Benevolent Work Meriting Your Support

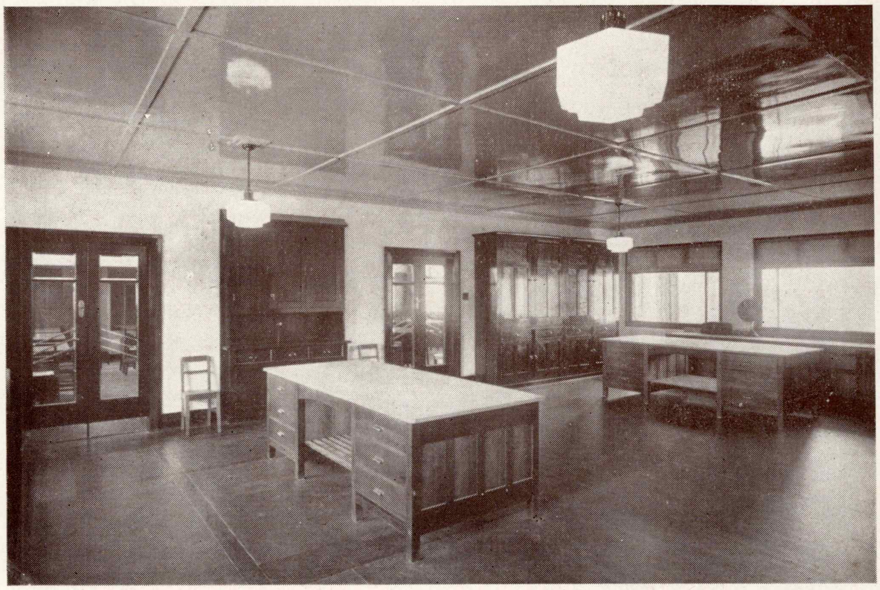




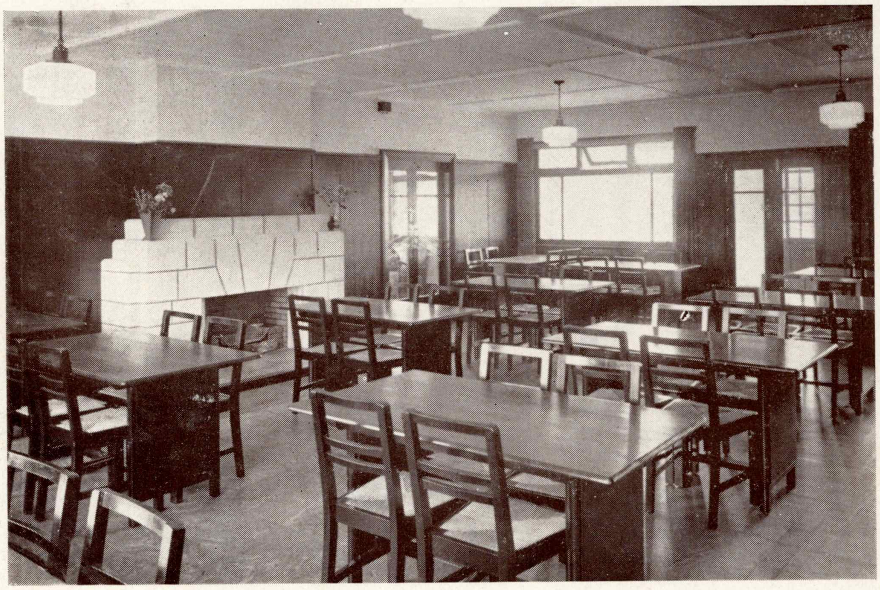
TOP: SLEEPING QUARTERS AND ADMINISTRATION BLOCK.

LOWER: THE SAMUEL SALTZMAN BLOCK.

Interior Views of Main Home



KITCHEN.



DINING-ROOM.

LOUNGE.

Jam Making

In order to minimize expenditure on foodstuffs and to deal with the problem of jam supply—over 2,000 lbs. of jam are required annually—willing workers this year went to Roxburgh and made jam on the spot. The orchardists placed hundreds of pounds of fruit windfalls at the disposal of the Rev. C. L. Duder, who personally ensured its collection and made available the facilities of his parsonage to the workers. The top picture shows Mrs. M. Cowan, supervisor of the Central Mission Homes kitchen staff, at work with Mrs. C. L. Duder and Sister Margaret. Interested people made available the necessary quantity of jam-jars. The centre photograph shows the finished article, while the third shows the Matron receiving the goods at the Homes. The co-operation of the Rev. and Mrs. C. L. Duder and orchardists has been of invaluable assistance with the result that this year, 1950, not only has the Home received approximately 1,200 lbs. of jam but also a huge quantity of apples, pears and peaches for eating and stewing. The Trustees acknowledge with gratitude the service of the Roxburgh folk.

Some of the Sisters and Nurses who ministered to the Aged in the Central Mission Homes.

October, 1947

Miss E. L. Geddes laying the Foundation Stone of the Nurses' Home, 3rd July, 1948.

On right, Rev. T. A. Pybus.

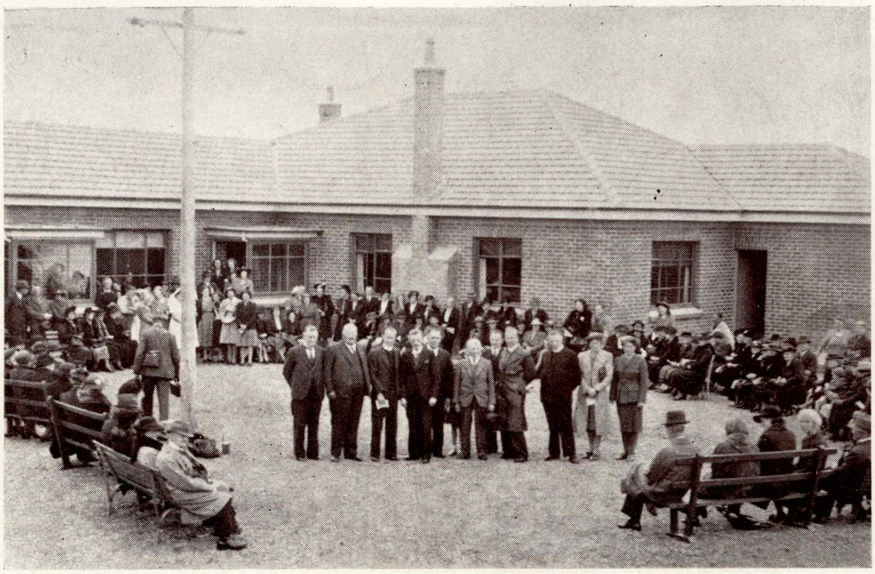
Opening of the Nurses' Home, by Sir Donald Cameron and Mrs. L. B. Neale (holding bouquet), 4th December, 1948. The artistic furnishings and colour scheme of the Homes is the entire work of Mrs. Neale whose choice has merited well-earned approval.

An idea of the number of staff employed at the Eventide Settlement. Seven absent.

Well round the century: Mrs. Louisa Reason who for years was one of our honoured patients. She passed away at the age of 103.

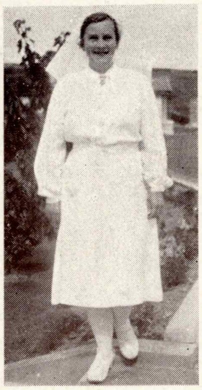
Nurse Cossie Bailey in charge.

Dedication of Sister Lenna Memorial Ward



Central Mission Private Hospital,
December 19, 1942.

From left: Messrs. J. J. Marlow, W. Aitken, Rev. B. M. Tasker, H. H. Johnson, Rev. L. B. Neale, Samuel Saltzman, Revs. J. Willoughby, H. Harkness, A. Standage, Misses O. McCrone and J. McKinnon.



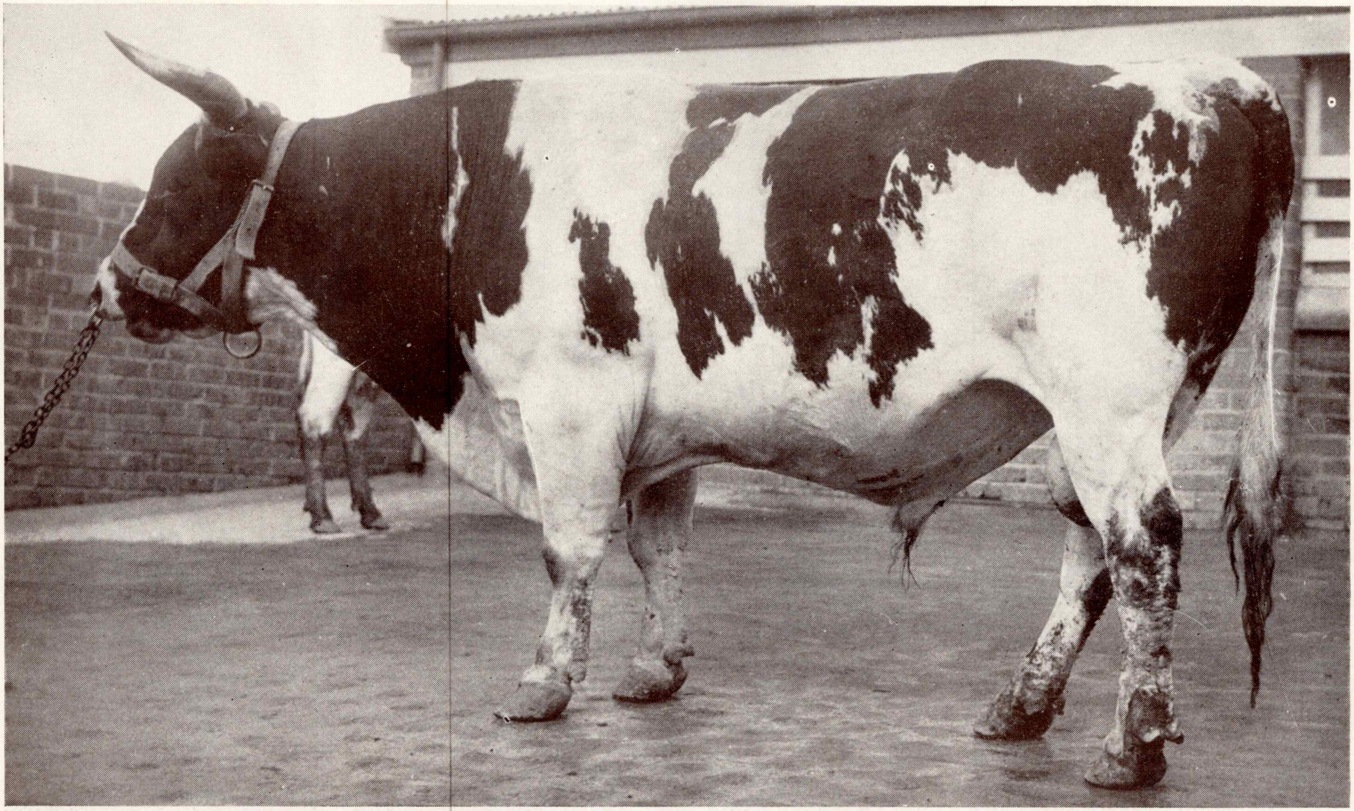
Sister M. Frampton
Matron of the Homes.

We are ever so happy. Sisters Burns, McFadgen, Garbutt and Ritchie with patients.

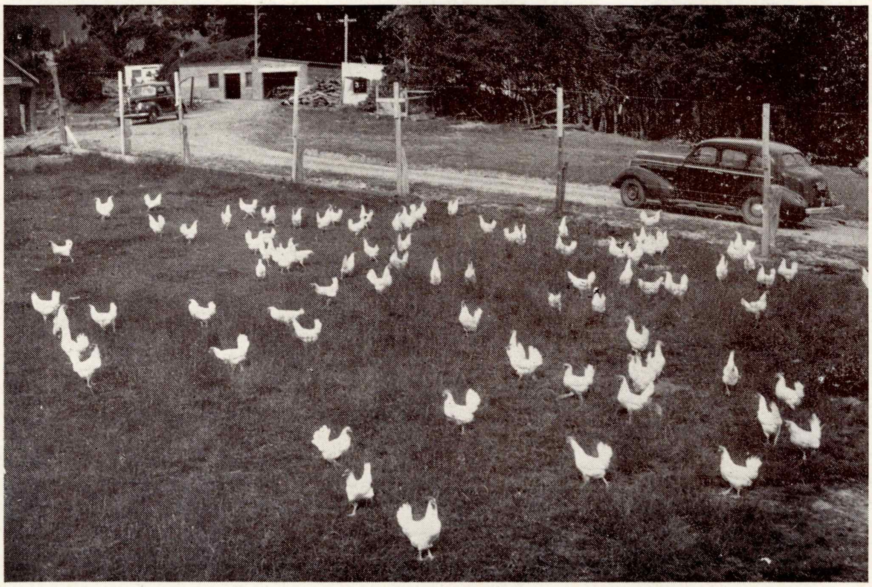
Some of the Workmen employed on the huge undertaking.

Guests with Sisters McCalman and Frampton.

Scenes at the Central Mission Farm

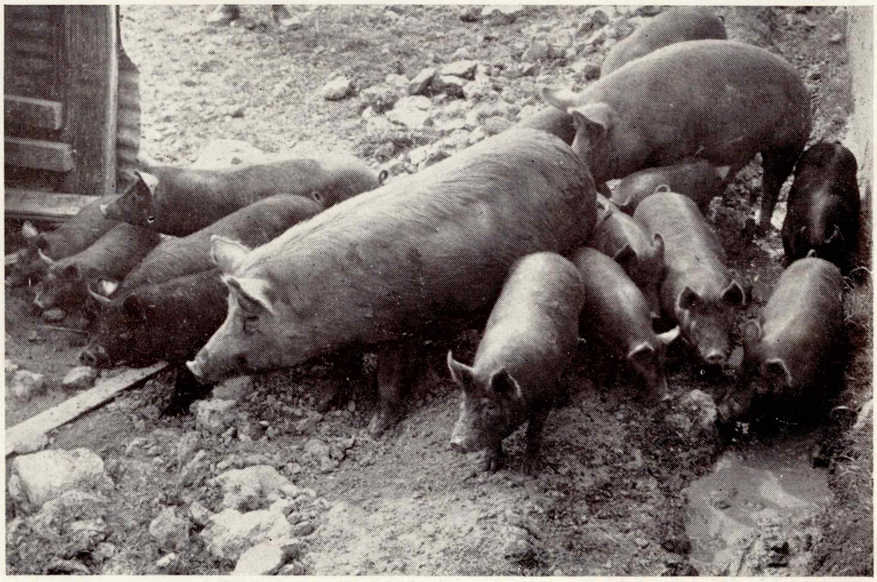


TOP: IMPORTED PEDIGREE AYRSHIRE—"ARDGOWAN COURT MARTIAL"
LOWER: A FEW OF THE TWENTY-FIVE COWS COMPRISING THE HERD.

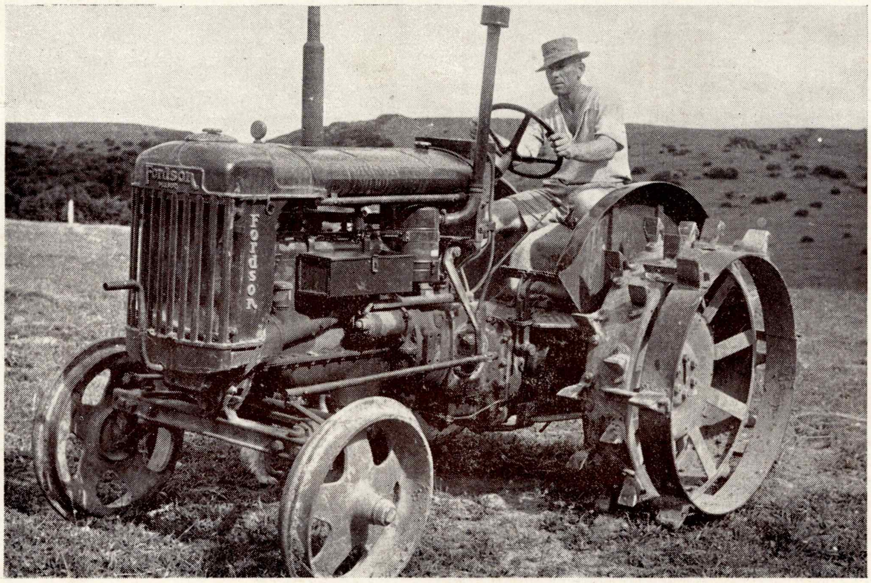


With a view to decreasing expenditure the Central Mission Board of Trustees in March, 1950, purchased 140 acres of land adjoining the Eventide Homes.

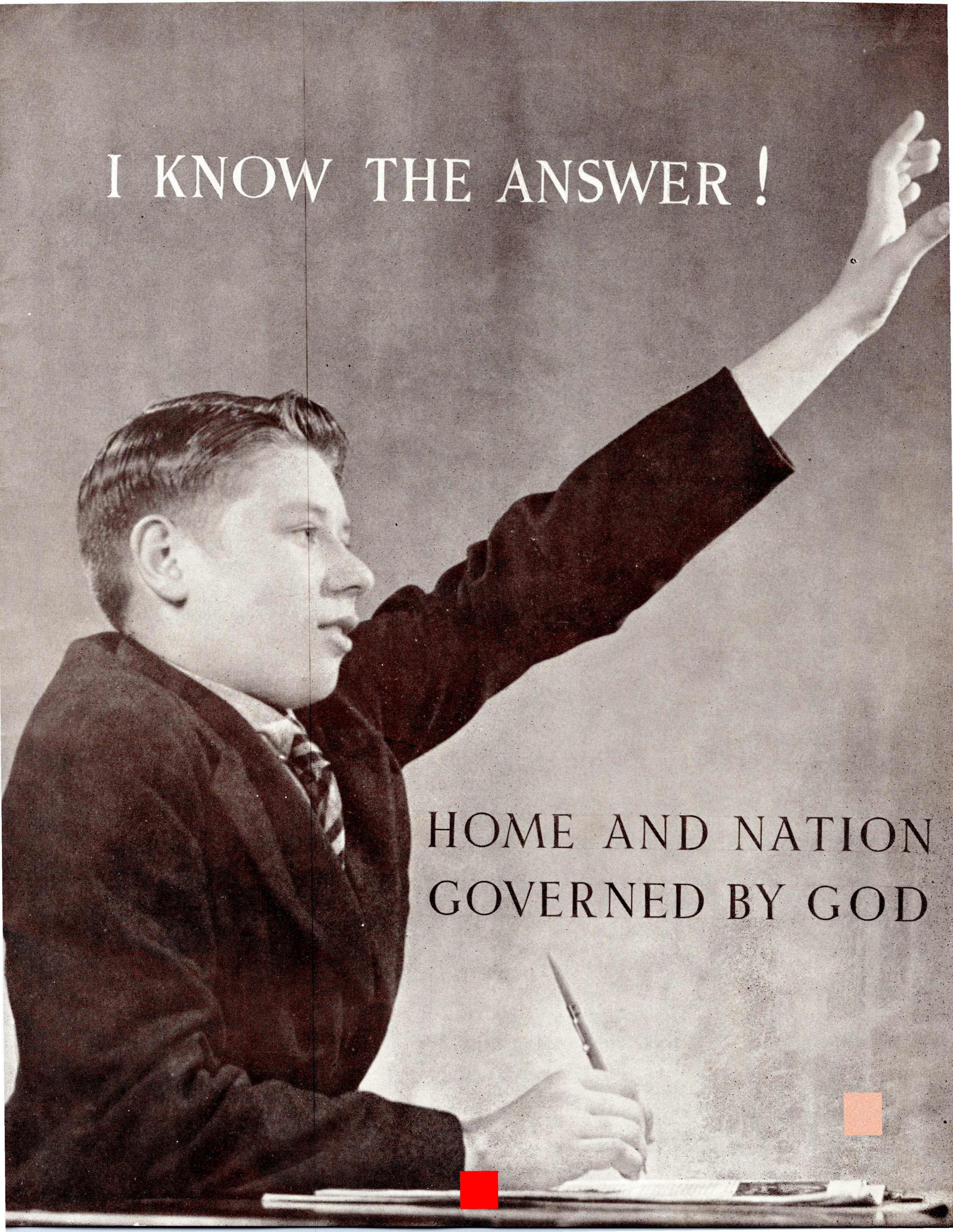
Several gallons of milk are daily necessary to provide special diet for some patients and cater for the requirements of patients and staff. A considerable quantity of vegetables is required and it takes 12 dozen eggs daily to meet the demands. A number of pigs devour scraps and provide pork and bacon. A Fordson Major tractor has been purchased and has proved a valuable asset. We were fortunate in securing at a reasonable price an Ayrshire bull imported from Scotland by a Wairarapa breeder at a greatly reduced cost. It is a registered pedigree of repute—Ardgowan Court Martial. We do our own pig breeding and in every possible way endeavour to provide necessary produce. As soon as we can clear the required acreage of broom and gorse we intend to stock our own sheep and further add to production. It takes almost a carcase of mutton for one meal which gives an idea of the amount of meat required for our family of 140.



Butter, groceries, bread, linen, crockery, and coal involve considerable expenditure. On the average, the annual expenditure amounts to £18,000.



Mr. Ralph Carson sets out.



I KNOW THE ANSWER!

HOME AND NATION GOVERNED BY GOD

Learning to help others

Though nevermore in one place all may gather,
Though in life's battle we struggle apart,
One be our Saviour and one be our Father,
Bind us together in faith and in heart.

Central Mission Brownie Pack, 1942.

Central Mission Guide Company, 1942.

Miss E. L. Geddes, eighteen years on the staff of the Social Service Department and now the Secretary and Treasurer. Seventeen years leader of the Brownie Pack.

The First Company of Cent
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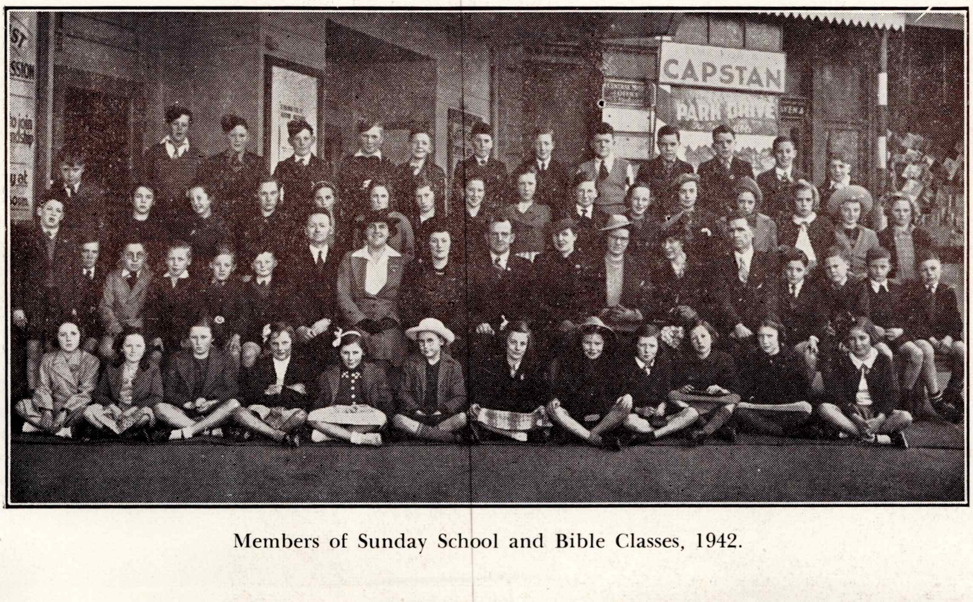
Captain Mary Guthrie. Ca
Leader, Sister Margaret

Central Mission
Calling Youth!
FOR ALL AGES
SUNDAY SCHOOL & BIBLE CLASSES
MAIN OFFICE

1950

Youth Leaders and Bible Class Members, 1942.

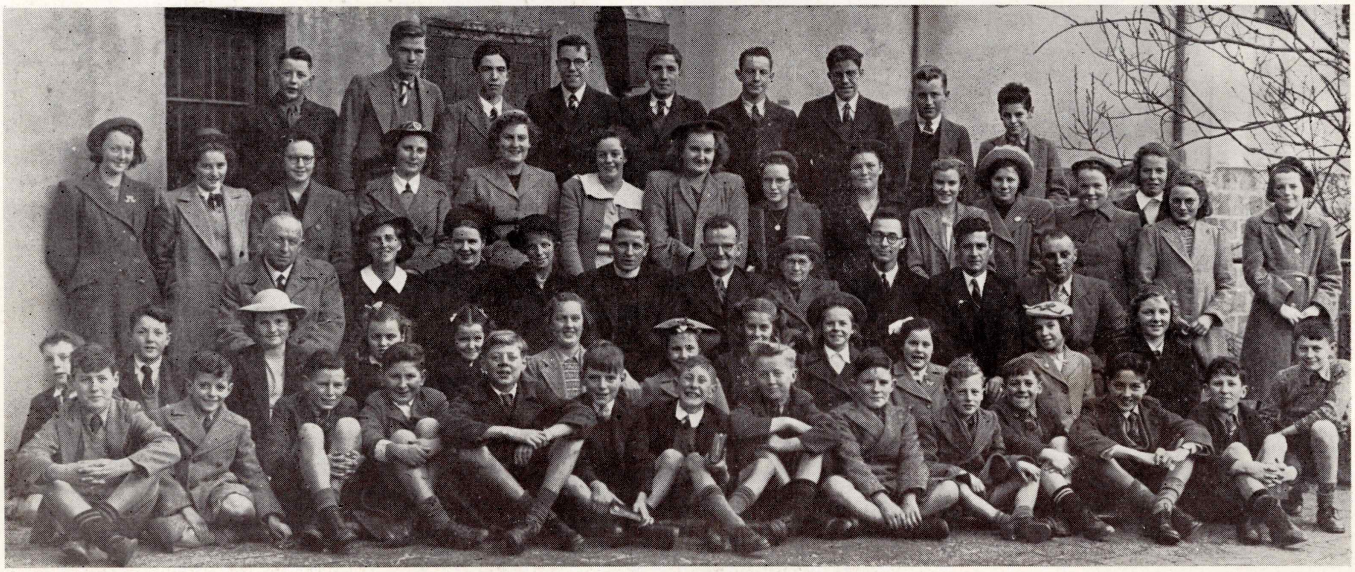
In addition to spiritual and moral culture in our clubs for youth there is also plenty of fun, frolic and friendship.


CAPSTAN
PARK DRIVE

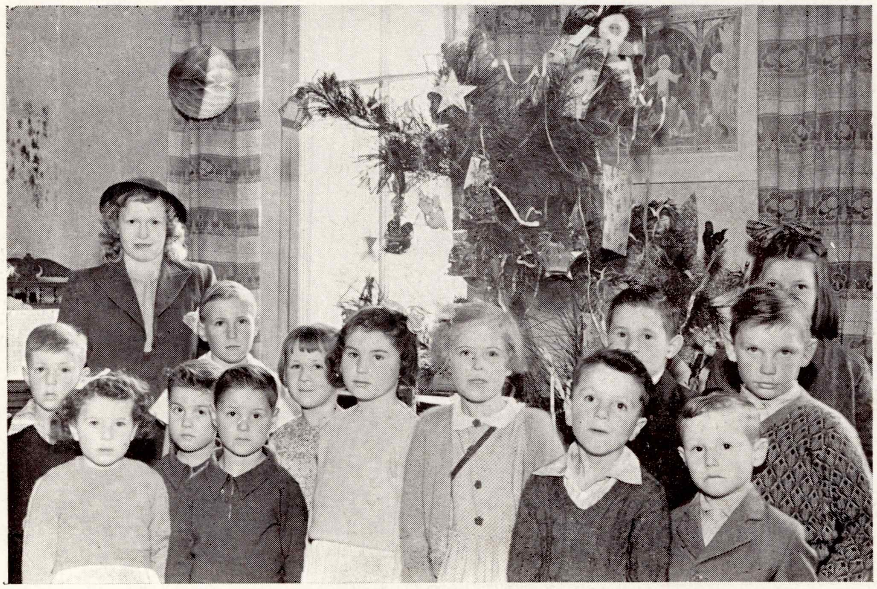
Members of Sunday School and Bible Classes, 1942.

Miss Olive McCrone
Youth Secretary and Treasurer.

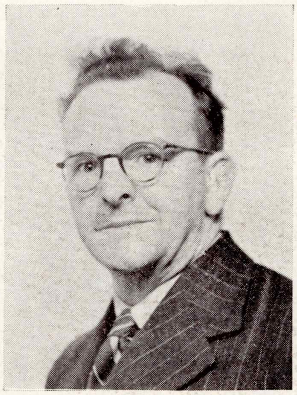
Youth for Christ and His Kingdom



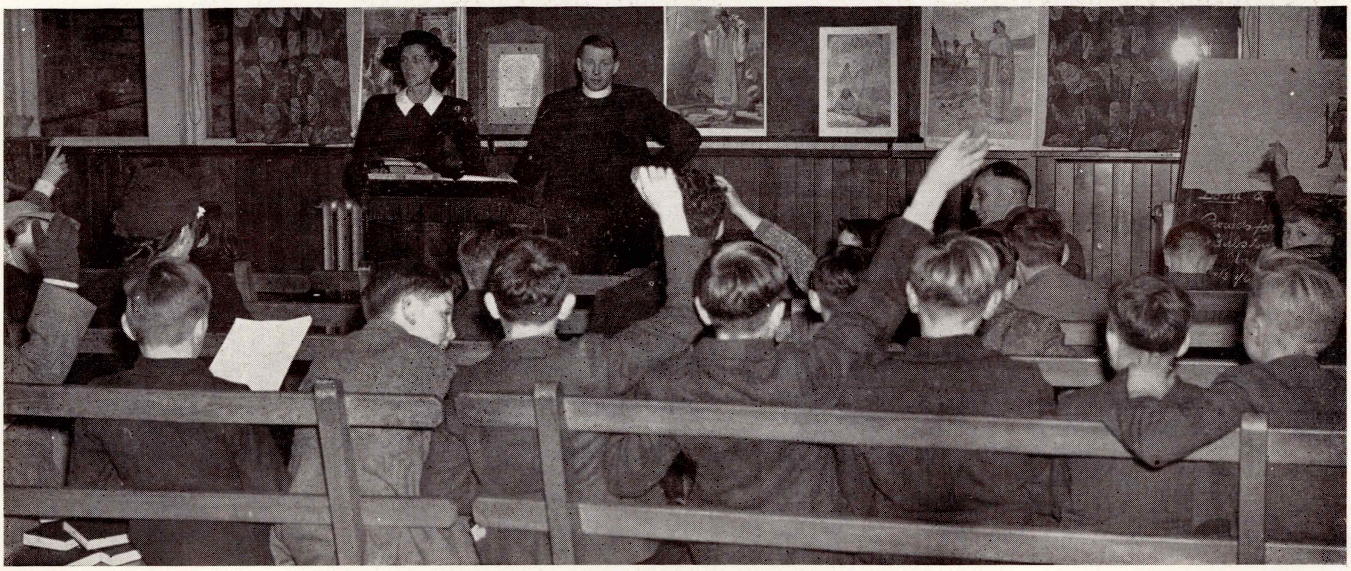
Scholars and Bible Class Members, 1950.



Primary Scholars, Christmas, 1949. Superintendent: Miss Lorna Fraser.



Mr. Cliff Vince,
Sunday School Superintendent
and a Youth Leader.



Sunday School Quiz, 1950.

Central Mission Youth Work

We need consecrated, gifted leaders for Youth Work

Sunday School Primary Class Teachers and Scholars, 1942.

The Christian front begins with the parents in the home. Periodically we conduct baptismal services and thus begins religious education. The Cradle Roll Superintendent—Mrs. J. T. Oliver—by correspondence and personal visitation keeps in touch with the parents and children. When the children are four years of age we endeavour to enrol them as scholars of the Primary Department.

Baptismal Service,
Sunday School, 8th May, 1949.

Bible Class Members, 1949.

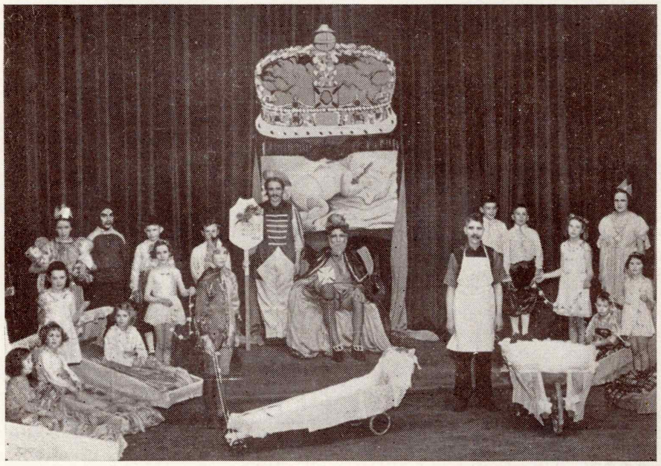
Officers of the Sunday School, 1949.

Clubland for Youth

In a day when forces mightier than that of the atom bombard our earth without ceasing—cosmic rays which pierce a thousand feet into the earth and which a roof of lead six feet thick would not stop, Christian statesmen are exploiting the spiritual forces of religion in earnest endeavour to rebuild civilization. Just as scientists are seeking to harness the vast energy from inter-stellar space, so Christian leaders are seeking to harness the mighty power and realities of religion in respect to training young life.

Basketball Team, 1949.

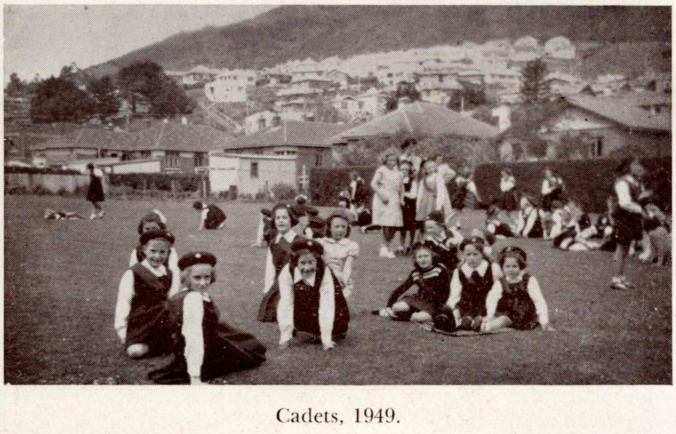
Brigaders Folk Dancing.



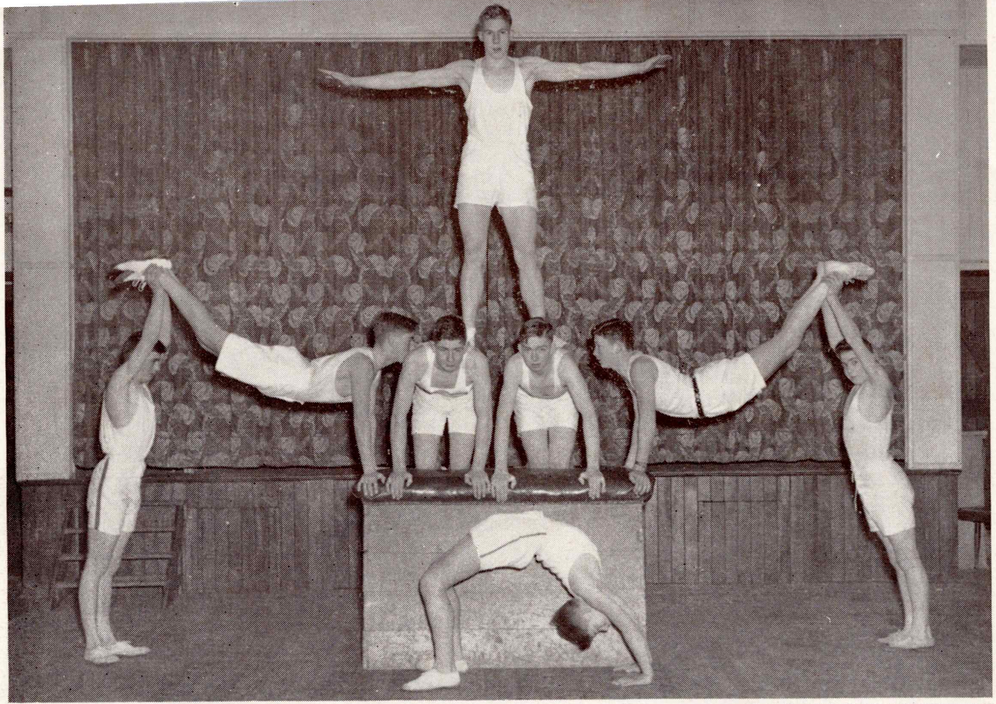
Young people of the Mission dramatize "The Land of Nod", Concert Chamber, 1949.

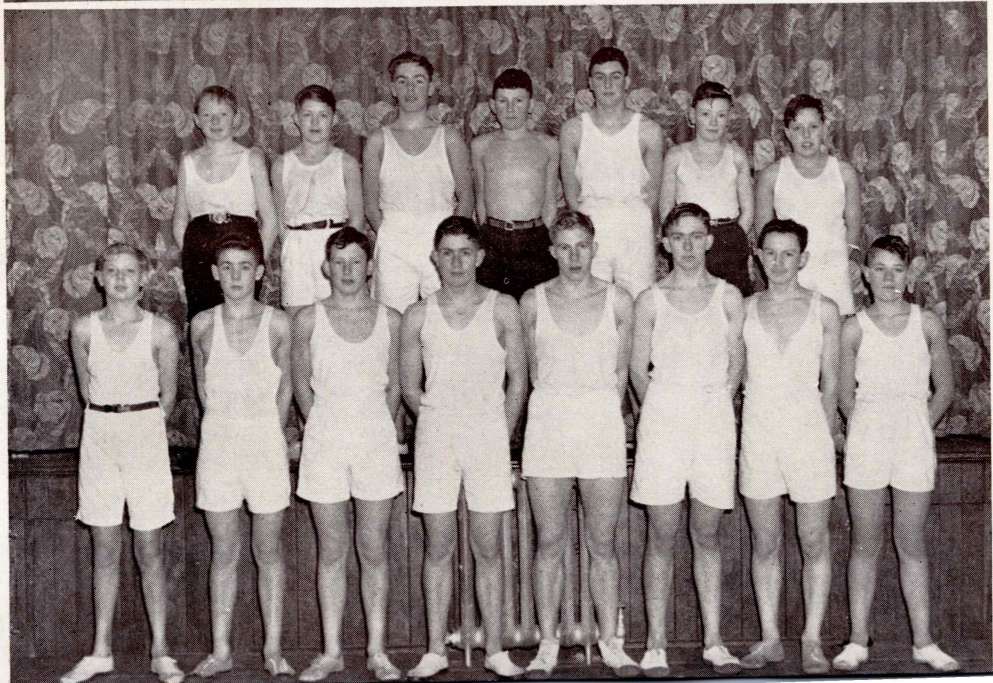
Girls' Club, 1950.

A Junior Choir leads the morning service.



Cadets, 1949.





The dominating motive and first objective of our work is to build a Christian front—to mobilize an army of youth equipped to strengthen the foundations of Christian Democracy.

The centre photograph is that of the Boys' Brigade, 6th Dunedin Company, the other two show the Brigaders enjoying gymnastics. These lads sense the value of the spiritual and the physical in preparing for the tasks of life.

The Company is under the command of Captain Alan Vivian assisted by Lieutenants A. J. Robinson, G. S. Smith and G. W. Jenkins.

The Brigade Company has associated with it the Junior Branch called the "Life Boys" which caters for the boy of 9 to 11 years. The Brigade movement is one of the finest youth movements of the world. It stands for honesty, steadfastness, spiritual, physical, moral and mental culture. Movements such as this give youth a true basis for life and we cannot too strongly urge all parents to assist the work and to attach their boys to the organization.

The Boys' Brigade meets in the Sunday School Hall, Friday, 7.45 p.m. Their ages are between 12 and 18 years.

The Life Boys meet in the Sunday School Hall, Wednesday, 6.45 p.m.

We Plan for the Future

Although strategically situated to pursue a vigorous programme of ardent evangelism and community work in a socio-economic environment reacting with tragic effect upon life, the Mission buildings are outdated and totally inadequate for modern city mission work. To-day the Board of Management is facing two main problems – accommodation and finance. The present buildings must ultimately be replaced.

Throughout its history the Mission has developed along lines consonant with its unique beginning, and in harmony with the spirit and purpose of its founder. It is really a trustee of community life ministering to all in need, without distinction of creed.

The complexity and extent of the work defies tabulation. Members of the staff spend hours in personal talks endeavouring to effect moral transformation or solve domestic problems. Many seek understanding and encouragement, while not a few ask for material assistance. Every week numbers gather in instructional clubs or recreational groups, seeking self-realisation and self-expression.

The Board of Management has in mind the appointment of a qualified nurse available to act as nurse-mother in homes where sickness is prevalent – a nurse who will take the place of a sick mother or help an aged couple. It is hoped to establish a psychiatric clinic, directed by a Christian specialist capable of diagnosing and treating the neuroses which become the origin of moral problems and often the focus of mental sepsis.

Consecrated young women are urgently needed as leaders and workers. Any gifted young woman reading this article, anxious to dedicate her God-given gifts to a Christ-like ministry, is asked to communicate with the Superintendent. Nurses – qualified or unqualified – are required. Also Christian young women prepared to undertake institutional work. The Mission could employ another ten young women immediately.

Contending philosophies of life are confusing the impressionable mind of adolescents and challenging the methods of orthodox ministries. It is imperative that a city Mission should definitely operate along the lines destined to influence the unattached masses and exploit every form of organizational and recreational activity to build Christian nationhood and citizenship.

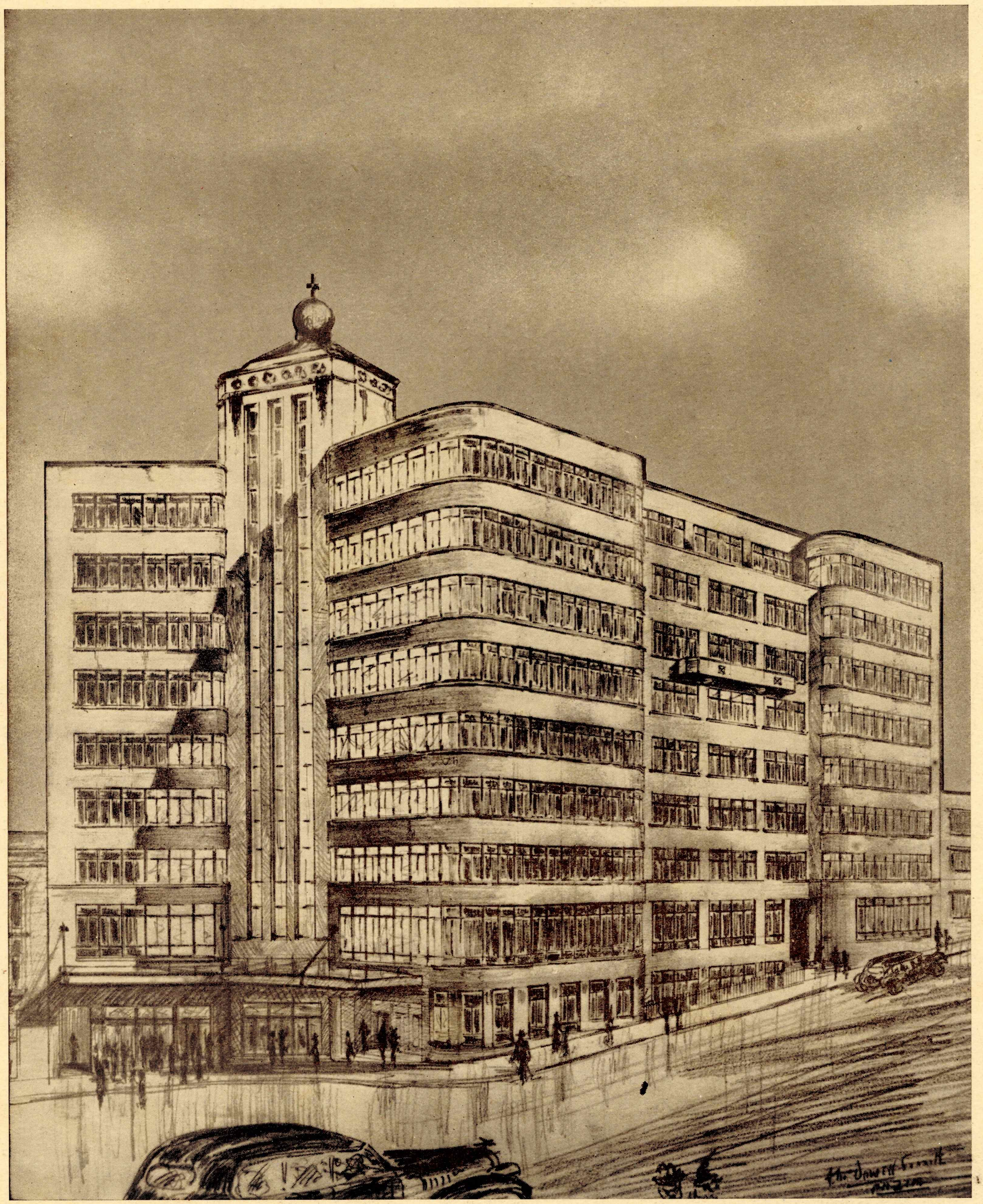
The Central Mission Board of Trustees has given prolonged and serious consideration to the type of Mission activity that should characterize the next century and has decided to erect a block of buildings in the Octagon centralizing the activities of all ages in an endeavour to influence every form of community life.

It is intended to start with home life believing that it is primarily important to influence young life – the boys and girls who will be the fathers and mothers of the future. The aim will be to minister to their physical, mental, moral and spiritual needs.

Thousands of young people in the city are lonely and friendless and many of them are students away from home. This section of community life will have a home in the new block of buildings and facilities afforded them to take part in friendship-forming groups providing all the freedom, fun and culture possible. Having in mind the cross section of the community without hobbies, home influence or any particular interest as also those who are lonely in thought or even in trouble – the Mission will have its specialized attractions. Organizations such as Boys' Brigade, Girls' Life Brigade, badminton and table tennis clubs, basketball, gymnasium, etc. There will be several social halls, conferential rooms, creche, library, cafeteria, quiet rooms, business men's suites, etc., combining one supreme objective – to challenge young and old to centralize all the activities of life in the Christian religion. The new block will incorporate the present building where services are held.

It is difficult at this stage to give an adequate idea of the many provisions of the new block, but there will be incorporated a Sunday School Hall, Bible Class rooms, and a Shrine of Remembrance. The building will be nine stories high with entrances from the Octagon and Stuart Street. The Mission will probably have its own printing press and religious broadcasting station. Special provision will be made for the aged as well as for the young. Four halls almost commensurate with the Concert Chamber of the Dunedin Town Hall will provide for the many youth gatherings and conferences held from time to time in the city.

This major venture demands wisdom, courage, finance, and ecclesiastical statesmanship. A rough estimate of the cost approximates £500,000. It is proposed to inaugurate the fund and launch the scheme during the jubilee. It will probably take thirty years before the project materializes but when complete it will not only add to the beauty and dignity of the city but be the answer of the Christian Church to the watch-cries of modern movements which fail to equate with the religion of Jesus Christ.



Proposed block of buildings to replace the present Mission premises in the Octagon.

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